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MARCONI, SAINTS KICK OFF '73 SEASON

The curtain will come up on the 1973 season this Sunday, January 21, with a first class match at 5.30 p.m. at Marconi Oval between the top two teams of 1972.

Last year's league champions and Ampol and State Cup winners, St. George-Budapest, will meet interstate champions, Marconi, on their home ground in a challenge match that may well break all attendance records for a pre-Ampol "friendly".

The game is billed as a challenge match and plenty of prestige will be at stake when the two glamor clubs take each other on.

Sunday's twilight match is much more than just a run of the mill "trial" match because the clubs were arch-rivals in 1972 when their last two clashes, in particular, created fever-pitch excitement and controversy.

The game will serve as a dress rehearsal for coaches Mike Johnson and Rale Rasic, some 10 days before their teams' Ampol Cup debut.

The cream of Australia's international talent will be on display with the appearance of Saints' George Harris, Doug Utjesenovic, Harry Williams, Bobby Hogg, Manfred Schaefer, John Warren and Attila Abonyi, and Marconi's Ray Richards, Ernie Campbell and Max Tolson, all members of the "anti-Bulgarian" and World Cup squad.

The likely line-ups:

Marconi: Rorke, Robertson (Roche), Moschen, Jones (Degney), Richards, Mihajlovic, Carrizo, Brajkovic, Tolson, Campbell, Griffith.

St. George: Fraser, Harris, Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Williams, Hogg, Abonyi, Warren, Herron, Denton, Treasure.

NEXT WEEK

Sydney fans will be treated to another big pre-Ampol "bonus" next week thanks to Pan Hellenic's splendid initiative.

A crowd-pulling double-header will be staged at Wentworth Park on Sunday, January 28.

Hakoah will play St. George at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by an interstate match between Pan Hellenic and Hellenic Brisbane.

Australia's World Cup team-mates, Doug Utjesenovic (St. George-Budapest) and Max Tolson (Marconi), pictured here in last year's interstate championship final, meet again this weekend when their clubs clash at Marconi Oval on Sunday.

Swiss Cup winners at Bossley Park

— *By LOU GAUTIER* —

All roads lead spectacularly to Bossley Park in these early days of the 1973 season.

Seventy-two hours after drawing 2-2 with Juventus-Adelaide and four days before clashing with arch-rivals St. George-Budapest, Marconi play host tonight, Wednesday, January 17, to FC Zurich, of Switzerland.

This is a one-night Australian stand by the crack Swiss club, who have been playing in Asia before they touched down in Sydney 48 hours ago.

Though their Asian results included a 6-2 defeat in Penang, Malaysia, and a 3-2 loss against Thailand in Bangkok, Marconi are sure to face stiff opposition.

Marconi, who exactly 12 months ago, held Slovan Bratislava to a 0-0 draw, are to be congratulated for their initiative.

FC Zurich, Grasshoppers, also from Zurich, and FC Basel, who were held to a 2-2 draw by Prague in 1964, are the current "Big Three" of Swiss football.

They are the holders of the Swiss Cup and have again reached the semifinals this season, where their opponents in two months will be Winterthur.

At the halfway mark of the Swiss championship, Zurich are in sixth place, but only three points behind the leaders, FC Basel, having won seven matches, drawn two and lost five, and scored 22 goals against 17 conceded.

At Press time, their actual line-up for tonight (Wednesday) was unavailable as the visitors had barely landed in Sydney, but the team against Marconi is likely to include three of Switzerland's current top international stars — Kuhn, Kunzli and Jeandupeux.

Kunzli is second highest goalscorer in the 1972/73 championship and Jeandupeux, the outside left, became a celebrity when he starred last year in Switzerland's 1-1 draw with England at Wembley.

Other players to watch in the Swiss team include the West German international Brunnenmeir, the prolific Italian-born striker Martinelli, fullback Meunch, winghalves Winiger and Meyer, and strikers Rebmann and Rafreider.

One of Switzerland's most colorful club officials, Herr Naegli, FC Zurich's president, is accompanying the team on its world tour.

Marconi will take the field without the slightest complex, and should acquit themselves well despite the visitors' vast international experience.

Rale Rasic's boys will be aiming to become the first Australian club side to beat a First Division club from Europe in Australia.

● **For Marconi's line-up, see story above.**

AMPOL CUP WILL START ON JAN. 31

The $5,000 1973 Ampol Cup, the 17th pre-season series since the inception of the NSW Federation, starts on Wednesday, January 31, at Garside Park, Granville.

On that night, Granville will play St. George-Budapest, holders of the Cup, in the early match, and in the late game Hakoah will meet the 1971 Ampol winners, Western Suburbs.

Two single-headers will be staged on Friday, February 2 when Marconi tackle Sutherland at Bossley Park, and the revamped Safeway United (ex-South Coast) do battle with Yugal-Prague at Woonona.

The opening round will conclude on Sunday, February 4, with a double-header at Wentworth Park featuring Pan Hellenic v. Auburn and APIA v. Croatia.

These are the round-robin groupings in this year's Cup: Group "A" — St. George-Budapest, Granville, Auburn, Croatia, Pan Hellenic, APIA; Group "B" — Hakoah, Western Suburbs, Sutherland, Safeway United, Yugal-Prague, Marconi.

The same format as applied since 1966, when the Ampol Cup ceased to be a knock-out competition, will apply this season.

Teams will score 12 points for a win, five for a draw and none for a loss.

In addition, teams will receive "bonus" points for every goal scored.

All matches, except the final, will be of 70 minutes duration only.

Hakoah, APIA, Marconi, Safeway United and, specially, St. George will be handicapped throughout the series because they will be required to play on regardless of their players' national team commitments.

Their absence will be mainly felt in rounds 3 and 5 when Australia will play Bulgaria and New Zealand, in the World Cup match at Auckland, respectively.

● **Full Ampol draw on page 3.**

NEW EDITOR

Lou Gautier, who has been with Soccer World since its start in 1958, is our new Editor.

For the past few years he has been Soccer World's News Editor.

He takes over from Andrew Dettre who, under his pen-name of Paul Dean, has been Soccer World's Editor for 10 years.

Andrew Dettre was on January 1 appointed Press Secretary to the Federal Minister for Tourism and Recreation (Frank Stewart).

"NEW-LOOK" GRANVILLE CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville Soccer Club, promoted to First Division this season, is confident that its stay in top class football will not be a short-lived episode.

The oldest club in Australia, formed in 1882, Granville returns to the First Division scene after 12 years in Second Division with a completely re-moulded team.

Instead of taking the usual "break" in the off-season, club officials, acting on specialist advice, made some worthwhile buys, which should give the club a competent side for several years.

Soon after winning promotion, Granville recalled Denes Adrigan to guide the club in its return to First Division.

Adrigan is familiar with both the set-up of the club and the players, as he served Granville in that capacity only 12 months earlier, and his experience will be invaluable.

With the coaching job settled and a healthy bank balance, Granville set out swiftly to correct the weaknesses evident in last year's successful team.

The result is almost a completely new side, rich in talent and experience.

From Hakoah, Granville secured the services of winghalf Ray Gardiner, who has come into calculations for Australian team selection on several occasions.

In perhaps their costliest deal, Granville signed Melita stopper Tony Edwards, who is probably one of the most under-rated stoppers in Sydney soccer.

In addition, they acquired useful goalkeeper Brian Taylor, from Auburn, and striker Graham Hann, from Guildford, one of Second Division's most dangerous goalgrabbers.

Granville also purchased the Western Suburbs duo of Cliff Van Blerk and Johnny Bijkerk, two excellent players with experience behind them.

"BEST" BUY

However, the club's "best" signing of the year was Scotsman Billy Frazer, who played in the North American League, where for the past two years he is reported to have been voted player of the year.

Granville must have outlayed about $20,000 for team building, but with a flourishing licensed club and the promise of good crowds at Garside Park with the advent of First Division football, the outlay should be a short term investment.

Players from last year's team like Billy Edwards, Guilio Di Santi, Percy Biglands, Paul Vrolyks and others, are working well within the new set-up and the side should be in good trim when it plunges in against St. George in its first Ampol Cup game at Garside Park on Wednesday January 31.

An astute tactician, Adrigan no doubt will use the Ampol Cup as a trial horse for his charges and changes could be expected to come thick and fast initially.

But the material is there, and Granville should come up finally with a reasonable team that would hold its own in top company.

LOCAL TALENT

Despite the influx of newcomers from other clubs, Granville did not neglect their local talent, as promising youngsters in the district were given every opportunity to stay with the club.

Of course, the task for them to make the grade will be harder and the breaks may well be fewer, but facilities for them are better and expert coaching has been provided.

With several fixtures to be played at Garside Park this season, Granville refrained from using the ground for any purpose for some months, and with the employment of a fulltime groundsman the ground surface should be in tip-top condition.

'REVOLUTION' AT NORTHS AS VLASITS TAKES OVER

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Shock appointment of former national team coach Joe Vlasits at the lowly Northern Districts club has resulted in a revolution at the Englefield Stadium, Dural.

Vlasits is immediately implementing a policy which is dear to his football heart.

Northern Districts, with "Uncle Joe" as chief coach, will give top attention to local products of The Hills and adjoining districts.

Vlasits has a record, dating back to the Canterbury wonder team, of unearthing more local talent than many other coaches have ever dreamed of.

Coming directly from Pan Hellenic with over 15 years of top grade coaching behind him, Joe foresees an opportunity and a challenge.

First, the challenge.

Northern Districts aim to have their first squad on a very remunerative professional scale in 1974.

There will be work opportunities for young players who make the grade.

The club's real estate venture at Five Ways, Ryde, is fast overcoming its establishment phase.

Another enterprise will be set up shortly.

These businesses are designed to provide employment and funds whilst the licensing of the social club works its way through the Court.

Hornsby Council has approved of the club building extension plan.

Already Vlasits' presence and methods are making themselves felt.

Squads are going through fitness, skills, and ballwork sessions every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 p.m.

Vlasits at this stage has signed a one-year contract.

It frees him to accept the NSW under-16 coaching appointment if it comes his way, as well as continuing with Norths.

The opportunity revolves around the club's offer of a full-time coaching appointment.

The annual salary would be at least five figures, making it one of the plum appointments of Sydney soccer.

Vlasits takes the view that Norths should get to know him better, and vice versa, before he gives his decision.

Both presidents involved, Bill Englefield, of Northern Districts Sporting Promotions Ltd., and Ken Hodgson, of Northern Districts club, are awaiting the outcome.

Meanwhile, training attendances boom.

Norths will take on First Division Auburn in a training match at Englefield Stadium on Sunday, January 28.

The following week, they will drop the tempo back to a Second or Third Division opponent.

Vlasits senses that in the Dural property and increasing facilities, a First Division club will be born.

For the present, a voice intimately known to thousands of players comes through the training sessions, as three dozen footballs and the medicine balls go into action.

The tone is Australian, with a fair dash of Hungarian!

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Marconi draws with Juventus

Adelaide champions Juventus gave Marconi a king-size fight at Marconi Oval last Sunday and only good luck enabled the Sydney team to draw 2-2.

In a scintillating first half performance, Juventus outplayed Marconi in every department and seldom allowed them to cross the halfway line.

Righthalf Eric Norman, the former Australian squad member, was in tremendous form, feeding his forwards with excellent passes, while chopping off any Marconi threat with ease.

Inside-right Joe Serafino scored twice, in the 7th and 15th minutes, to give Juventus a 2-0 lead at half-time.

With the aid of several replacements, Marconi improved in the second half when Max Tolson — playing a midfield role — came to the rescue with a goal in the 74th minute and a penalty five minutes from the end.

— CHARLES SPITERI

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Legal action by Croatia Soccer Club against the Victorian Soccer Federation could jeopardise the opening of the Ampol Cup, which is due to commence this Friday night.

Croatia, disqualified last August, is seeking a court order restraining the Federation from proceeding with the tournament unless Croatia is one of the competitors.

Submissions by a judge will be considered on Thursday, January 18, in the Practices Court and any order issued by the court would be in the nature of an interim decision pending the hearing of cases instituted by Croatia against the Federation and its officials in the Supreme Court.

Writs were served on the respondents several weeks ago, but it is not yet known when the Supreme Court hearings will be held.

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Should the Ampol Cup start as scheduled the opening fixtures on Friday night will be:

● 7.30 p.m. — Keilor Austria v. Ringwood City-Wilhelmina.

● 9.10 p.m. — SM-Hellas v. Melbourne.

Matches from Rounds 1 to 6 are 35 minutes each way with the semis and final being of the normal 90-minutes duration.

Keilor, who made the State League ranks for the first time in 1972, did remarkably well to finish in the top half of the league. But despite the elevated position they were nothing to rave about as those who finished below them on the table were the poorest bottom six for many a long day.

However, Keilor do possess some talent, especially in the midfield and the striking power of the brothers Barry and John Webb bulged the net plenty of times in 1972.

Keilor's opponents on Friday evening, Wilhelmina, had a poor season last year and only just managed to scrape into the Ampol Cup through having a superior goal average to Polonia.

The Ringwood team have the nucleus of a good side, but a good midfielder or linkman would not go amiss in their ranks. The experienced fullback Mike Pye, defender McGinn and Bob Ollerton form a trio around which the Ringwood side revolves.

It's hard to pick a winner here, but I have to plump for Wilhelmina, who could have the edge in skill and polish.

In the late game the reigning State League champions, South Melbourne-Hellas, look poised once again to be the side to beat in 1973.

With an array of experience and youth in their ranks, they look well balanced, have a tight defence, are clever in the midfield and have a goal-hungry attack.

Melbourne, without being flashy, did well to finish third on the league ladder last year.

As usual, the long-serving Ashey Scott will be their anchor man in defence. He will be well supported by Joe Szabo, Ian Shanks and Charlie Kelly. But in the midfield and in attack, Melbourne are a doubtful quantity and for this reason I must go for South Melbourne-Hellas to score a convincing win.

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The Victorian State side, in full preparation for their game against Santos' Pele on February 2, have recently played full-scale matches against a Geelong Select, Ringwood City-Wilhelmina and Keilor Austria.

Coach Bill Walsh and team manager Bill Curran have both stated they are well satisfied with the progress of the squad and are confident Victoria will be fully prepared to put up a show.

Although the game is some time off yet, it appears that the probable team is taking shape and of the present squad at least seven members are likely to trot out against Santos.

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Jack Reilly, of Hakoah and Australia, now has a regular soccer segment in Ted Whitten's Channel 9 sports programme on Sunday mornings.

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Billy Vojtek, who has been out of Australia's national squad of late, now finds that in view of his club's disqualification he is also out of the reckoning for the Victorian team to play Santos. Recently it was reported that South Melbourne-Hellas were interested in Vojtek and prepared to make him a big offer although this has not been confirmed by Hellas, who would still have to deal with Croatia first.

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Bob Dobbing, the Melbourne and Victorian defender who returned to England late last year for convalescence and rehabilitation after suffering a broken leg twice within a year, has not yet returned to Australia. Melbourne badly miss the former Coventry City reserve player who was an outstanding performer until his misfortunes.

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Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Ken McDonald who parted with Melbourne after an argument during one of the Inter-City games last year. A Melbourne official recently told me they had no idea where McDonald was.

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Jimmy Pygrolis, the former Hellas star who went back to Greece last year but is now back in Melbourne, is unlikely to make himself available for first team duty due to his own business commitments. Pygrolis, who has been coaching the Hellas reserves, won the Argus Medal in 1971.

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Few imports have arrived in Melbourne since the shut-down nearly three months ago, but one newcomer is defender Colin Alexander, who has joined Wilhelmina. A Scot, he played for the Edinburgh District Junior side, West Calder United.

— JIM COOK

KU-RING-GAI READY FOR PROMOTION PLAY-OFF

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

A two game play-off between Ku-ring-gai Soccer Club and Enmore will decide the 12th team to play in the Second Division this season.

This need has arisen through the amalgamation of Prague and Yugal, which left a vacancy within Second Division ranks.

Ku-ring-gai, the bottom team on the Second Division table last year was given another chance by the NSW Federation in a play-off with Third Division runner-up Enmore.

The games will be played on a "home-and-away" basis and if a tie eventuates from these clashes, goal-difference will decide the issue.

First clash between the two teams will take place at the Sydney Sportsground as a preliminary to the Australia-Bulgaria international on February 11.

This will be regarded as Ku-ring-gai's "home" game, but no date or place has yet been set for Enmore's "home" return tie.

In preparation for these games, Ku-ring-gai have been in training since November and now the training program has been further intensified to four nights a week, which would certainly ensure conditioning.

Tibor Zuckerman, the former St. George star and now Ku-ring-gai's coach, has built up morale and enthusiasm within the young squad, from which the team will be selected.

Ku-ring-gai secretary, Craig Pearce, said this week: "We realise we have been given a second chance, and certainly we will do our best not to let it slip."

Pearce said that Ku-ring-gai was better organised and equipped this year than ever before, with more people from the district involved in the committee of management.

He added: "If we can win this play-off, we would be able to consolidate in Second Division without having to struggle."

Although Ku-ring-gai are confident of the outcome, the club lost several experienced players during the off-season.

These include fullback Liddell, midfielder Henry, the talented Peter Vousden, left wing Terry Williams and utility player Jimmy Ridding.

But Zuckerman still has the nucleus of last year's team to build around, including such experienced players as Rudi Mula, Jimmy Morgan, Mick Cairns, the Nacinovich brothers and a few others.

The club, which is part and parcel of the Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association, cannot afford to come out the worse from this series — it simply has too much to lose.

The club, which bought a property at Gordon, is hoping that the liquor licence it has been seeking for the last two years will eventuate in the first week of February.

● **Next week, Keith Gilmour discusses Enmore's prospects.**

FORMER PRAGUE IDOL TO COACH RIVERSIDE-RAPID

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Signing of Walter Tamandl as coach underlines the seriousness with which Riverside Rapid are approaching their entry into Third Division.

Tamandl immediately went to the heart of Riverside's problem — a typical outlook for the man that laid those precision passes to Karl Jaros, Leo Baumgartner, Herbert Ninaus and Co. in Prague's glamorous years.

With an ageing team, Tamandl is casting a wide net for youth players, keen to improve their standing.

The welcome mat is out at Mahony Oval, Marrickville, each Tuesday and Thursday night.

Rapid have relied on such men as George Iro, Klaus Okon, Adrian Smit, Walter Gassner and Alfred Wimmer to make the grade.

There is no chance that they will abandon good, experienced men if they are in form.

Nevertheless, they have lacked a reservoir of talent, and Walter Tamandl believes that there is no time like the present to rectify past mistakes.

The further up the football ladder the club goes, the greater the need for depth in playing strength becomes.

Too often in the years prior to 1972, Riverside experienced the problem of having too few youngsters to press the top liners for their places.

Fortunately for them, they will have all their 1972 players available.

They have high hopes again for the performances of their star forward, Noel Telfer.

Last year, Telfer was often the key man in a very experienced team, collecting the goals when they were needed most.

This year, there has also to be a tightening of the defence.

At this stage, it seems certain that they will be joined by a 29-year-old former First Division fullback.

His name has not yet been announced, but he could be just the main to lock the defence.

From a disappointing position two years ago when they missed a place in Third Division, Rapid battled ahead, signing on worthwhile men to fill their ranks.

Club official Otto Zechner has played a big part in their revival, and the committee has done everything possible to ensure at the least that it should pave a long stay in Third Division.

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Letter to the Editor

Support our team!

This is a plea to all Australian soccer fans to support the national team when it plays the World Cup matches in Sydney in March.

The future of soccer in this country may well depend on whether Australia qualifies for the 1974 finals.

Is it too much to hope that the spirit of December 15, 1969, when 32,000 Australians drove the national team on relentlessly against Israel, can be recaptured when Australia takes on New Zealand, Iraq and Indonesia?

Our players deserve all the vocal support they can get. Playing such important games at home must become an advantage to the Australian team, which encounters so much fanatical hostility overseas.

JACK LEHRER,
Rose Bay.

Another Cup to Saints

St. George won the Challenge Cup last Sunday when they scored more penalties than Marconi after drawing 1-1.

St. George looked rather sluggish against the more aggressive Marconi and only in the last 10 minutes did they rally to equalise through Manfred Schaefer.

Max Tolson made Marconi's goal when he broke through the defence with a solo effort in the 17th minute before laying it on for Ernie Campbell to smash the ball home with tremendous force.

The penalty kicks episode was a farce because while Billy Rorke was saving the St. George shots, Richards, Brajkovic and Campbell skied theirs in succession, missing the post by a good three metres.

However, all told, the game was quite entertaining and thrilling, and with nine internationals on the field the Marconi supporters got their money's worth this time.

— Charles Spiteri

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The second round of the Ampol Cup this Friday night at Olympic Park brings together two interesting pairings with the fixtures being as follows:

● **7.45 p.m. Hakoah v. Juventus**
● **9.10 p.m. JUST v. George Cross**

In the early game Hakoah, who have never won the competition, will bank on experience pulling them through against a youthful Juventus line-up whose only Ampol Cup win was way back in 1959.

With a backbone in defence of Jack Reilly in goal and David Baker, both of whom are in the final Victorian squad for the Santos game, Hakoah heavily rely on Mike Clarey up front for most of their striking power.

Juventus, whose key-man is defender Bobby Thomson in the role of player-coach, are now seeing the efforts of the former Liverpool, Luton Town and Partick Thistle player bearing fruition as many of the youngsters continue to show promise.

They have plenty of running in attack, but whether Juventus are mature enough to penetrate the Hakoah defence with success must pose a question and Hakoah get my vote.

The late game could be a ripper with JUST, much more the cautious and skilful of the pair, facing up to a George Cross line-up which normally places the emphasis on attack from the first whistle, and sometimes throws caution to the wind in defence.

The JUST attack, spearheaded by Steve Rujevic, will, as usual, depend greatly on twin strikers, Dan Zoraja and Australian international Branko Buljevic, for most of their goal tally.

George Cross will have to play a close defensive role and mark the JUST attack smartly if they hope to turn up trumps.

The odds favor a JUST win, but only if they fully concentrate for the whole 70 minutes

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Last week's opening round Ampol Cup results:

● Wilhelmina 6 (Williamson 2, Alexander, Smith, Plumb, Garthwaite) d. Austria 0.
● Melbourne 1 (Bleskany) d. SM-Hellas 0.

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The win over South Melbourne-Hellas was not only a tonic for Melbourne, but a milestone in the career of Johnny Wallace, their brilliant 22-year-old forward. Johnny, who still wants to go to a Sydney club, chalked up his 100th first team appearance for Melbourne in this game.

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The Victorian State squad for the Santos match has been whittled down to a final selection and is as follows: Jack Reilly (Hakoah and captain) John Kennedy (Fitzroy United) Mike Pye (Ringwood City) Robert McGinn (Ringwood City) Falstro Tarquino (Juventus) Arthur Xantopolous (SM-Hellas), David Baker (Hakoah), Andrew Bozikas (SM-Hellas), Peter Bourne (SM-Hellas), Johnny Wallace (Melbourne), John Gardiner (George Cross), Ian Marshall (SM-Hellas), Jim Armstrong (SM-Hellas), Peter Ollerton (Ringwood City), Branko Buljevic (Footscray JUST), Jim Kriaris (Fitzroy United).

Hellas, with five players, have the largest representation and Xantopoulos and Bozikas are both only 17. Surprise is three representatives from Fitzroy United-Alexander, and only one from the skilful Footscray-JUST combination.

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The Victorian Soccer Coaches Federation is running preliminary to advanced courses at Selwyn Park, Sunshine, the home of Albion Rovers, starting on February 10. Tony Vella, the former George Cross, JUST, Victorian and Australia winghalf, now coach of Green Gully Ajax, will be in charge, assisted by Ken Kontra, the Victorian Director of Coaching, and now team boss of Ringwood City-Wilhelmina. Starting the same day, and at Middle Park, advanced courses will also be held under Ken Kontra, who will be assisted by club coaches. Vacancies are still available for both venues, and those interested should book with Mrs. Kevin at Soccer House (94-4304).

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Work is well under way on JUST's new six-feet high wire mesh fence intended to stop spectators encroaching on the playing area at their Schintler Reserve Ground. The reported cost of this innovation in Victoria is $5,000.

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Mike Mandalis, whom Hakoah recently secured from South Melbourne-Hellas has really gone "home". For Mike started off as a junior with Hakoah before going over to Hellas. Rated as one of the best young prospects in Victoria a good few years ago, Mandalis had his ambitions cut short by suffering a broken leg twice.

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First winner of the Australian Soccer Referees scholarship which was instituted in memory of popular Victorian whistler, Bob Hardwick, who died last year, is the brilliant Peter McKay, from Form "B" of Footscray Tech. The award is for the boy who, in the opinion of the Physical Education staff, exhibits the qualities of an all-round student in physical education and sport. The award was handed over to the winner by Mrs. Hardwick.

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Oscar Montalva, who at one time was a leading player in Chile, is now part of the South Melbourne Hellas junior coaching set-up.

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Two Juventus "starlets" have gone overseas in search of soccer fame. They are the brothers Carlo (18) and Bruno (16) Sabidussi, who are sons of former Juventus fullback, Bruno Sabidussi, who is now team-manager of the club. The youngsters have gone to play trials with Sporting Lisbon. Bruno was almost a first team regular with Juventus last season despite his age, and Carlo looked like following suit until a fractured hip sustained midway through the 1972 season put him on the sidelines.

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AMPOL WINNER HARD TO PICK

— By LOU GAUTIER —

There is no short-priced favorite for the 16th Sydney Ampol Cup which starts this week at four venues.

St. George-Budapest, Hakoah and Marconi, under normal circumstances, could have expected to share favoritism, but this is a very special Ampol Cup.

The leading clubs will be expected to play without their international players whenever they are required for national team duty.

This means that Marconi, Hakoah, APIA, Safeway United and, especially, Saints will be considerably depleted in Round 3, when Australia plays Bulgaria, and in Round 5, when the national team will be in Auckland for the first World Cup tie against New Zealand.

If, by some chance, any of the above clubs still managed to reach the semifinals, their internationals would also be unavailable on March 7 as the Aussies will then be in camp, preparing for the World Cup tournament, which starts four days later in Sydney.

Under the circumstances, it's hard to see St. George, who give seven players to the national team, or even Marconi, without Richards, Tolson and Campbell, winning the Ampol Cup.

Hakoah's chances are better; they have the reserves to pretty adequately compensate for the loss of Mackay and Baartz, but APIA will be struggling without key forwards Rooney and Butler, as will Safeway United, minus Australian captain Peter Wilson and Adrian Alston.

Paradoxically, these depletions could make the Ampol Cup more interesting.

What with early season form always highly unpredictable and key players unavailable in several leading teams, the Ampol Cup will be wide open.

With the possible exception of Sutherland, Croatia and Granville, who will need more time to consolidate in top company, any of the other clubs have a chance of inscribing their name on the impressive trophy.

ODDS

If we laid bookmakers' odds on the Cup, they would look something like this:

Hakoah 4/1; Yugal-Prague, Marconi 6/1; Safeway 8/1; APIA, Pan Hellenic 10/1; Auburn, Wests 12/1; St. George 15/1; Granville 33/1; Sutherland, Croatia 50/1.

Hakoah, for the reasons given above, must be slightly favored, even if their pre-season competition displays in recent years have left a lot to be desired.

We are taking Yugal-Prague on trust. They could still win their second Ampol Cup — with Trkulja, Rudic and Velkovski back on deck — despite mediocre trial form.

Marconi's second string players could scrounge enough points to see them through, provided they can win handsomely with a full team, and this also applies, to a lesser degree, to APIA and Safeway United, who have the added advantage of playing every game at home.

Wests, Auburn and Pan Hellenic will be the dark horses of the tournament, while St. George appear to face a hopeless task because seven reserves is too much for any team to carry.

Bulgarians next week

There's a treat in store next Sunday week for Sydney fans when Australia plays the touring Bulgarians at the Sports Ground.

The national team's World Cup "sparring-partners" will line-up with some of the best Continental players ever to come to Australia.

Names like Jekov, Jetchev, Yakimov and Dermendjiev read like a who's-who of European soccer.

This Bulgarian team, though not the current national side, is an ideal "warm-up" opponent for the Auckland-bound Socceroos.

The teams will meet again in Adelaide on February 14, and in Melbourne on February 18.

● **For Bulgarian feature, photo, see page 5.**

PELE in MELBOURNE

Pele, pictured above with his "shadow" Ray Richards, will make his second and last appearance in Australia on Friday evening when his club, Santos, plays against Victoria at Olympic Park. In the Australia-Santos 2-2 draw in June last year, the burly Marconi winghalf marked Pele out of the game. Victorian fans will see a stronger Santos than last year. The Pele-team had one of their better domestic seasons last year, only narrowly missing the Brazilian National League play-offs. Besides, Pele, the Santos team will again include the classy international winger Edu, as well as the current Brazilian national team winghalf, Clodoaldo, who didn't come to Australia last year.

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EUROPE'S TOP TEAMS

GERMANS GAIN FIRST SPOT AMONG NATIONS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

No one will be surprised to learn that West Germany was the unanimous choice as 1972 European national team of the year.

Every major European soccer publication selected the reigning European champions as their first choice, as did the mass-circulation "France Football", whose rankings for European national teams have attained semi-official status throughout Europe.

"France Football's" rankings are as fair and accurate as you can get as every result is painstakingly compiled and analysed.

Last year was the first time since the great Hungarian team of the late 1940's and early 50's, that one country has exerted such clear-cut superiority in Europe.

The West Germans not only won the official European Championship after trouncing England at Wembley in the quarterfinals, but also beat Hungary 2-0, the USSR 4-1 and Switzerland 5-1 in "friendly" internationals.

The team that can boast of Beckenbauer, Muller and Netzer won six matches last year and drew one (0-0 against England in West Berlin), scoring 19 goals and conceding four in the process.

Ever since the stars of Feyenoord and Ajax decided to also take their national team commitments seriously, Holland has emerged as the second ranked European team of 1972.

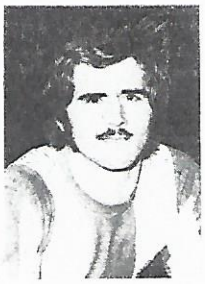
The Dutch, like West Germany, did not taste defeat in 1972, and also scored 19 goals, but only conceded one in five matches.

Poland owe their equal third place to their Olympic Gold Medal. In the 1971 rankings, the Poles could only manage 19th placing, but last season Poland defeated teams of the calibre of Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany and the Soviet Union.

Belgium eliminated Italy in the European Championship, then defeated Hungary to clinch third place. Their only defeat was against the invincible Germans (1-2).

Portugal's fifth place is attributed to their remarkable "Little World Cup" campaign in Brazil where they reached the final.

The Soviet Union played more matches than any other European country — 21. Despite several defeats against average opposition, the Russians still managed second place in the European championship and shared the bronze at the Olympic Games.



GERD MULLER

They were given the sixth place in Europe.

Hungary, like the USSR, were often beaten in 1972, but fourth place in the European competition and second at Munich enabled them to retain their ranking in the elite (seventh).

Yugoslavia were third in the "Little World Cup" with a great 4-2 win against Argentina, but were badly beaten by the USSR in the European Championship, but they did hold England to a draw at Wembley and also drew with Spain "away" in the World Cup, so their eighth place is fair.

Spain did not lose a match last year, but their three wins in "friendlies" against weak opposition, were unconvincing, and they have to be content with the ninth place.

Behind Spain, several teams are very close to each other, and "France Football" found it very difficult to rank them from 10th to 17th place.

East Germany ranked first in this second group on the strength of a third place in Munich where little separated them from Poland, the USSR and Hungary.

Italy, always among the top five since 1962, had slipped to seventh in 1971. In 1972, apart from their European Championship elimination by Belgium, Italy were unable to beat Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania and 11th is their rank for 1972.

France were placed ahead of England, whose decline continued in 1972, when twice they were beaten at home (Ulster and West Germany) and held to a draw by Yugoslavia.

Scotland would have deserved a better ranking than 14th had their victims been stronger than Peru, Denmark, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Austria climbed a little higher up the European ladder last season, but both Bulgaria and Rumania have slipped, as has Czechoslovakia.

The European ratings for 1972 were:

1 **West Germany**
2 **Holland**
3 **Belgium, Poland**
5 **Portugal**
6 **USSR**
7 **Hungary**
8 **Yugoslavia**
9 **Spain**
10 **East Germany**
11 **Italy**
12 **France**
13 **England**
14 **Scotland**
15 **Austria**
16 **Bulgaria, Rumania**
18 **Czechoslovakia**
19 **Eire, Nth. Ireland**
21 **Sweden**
22 **Switzerland**
23 **Denmark, Finland, Greece**
26 **Wales, Norway**
28 **Luxemburg**
29 **Cyprus, Iceland, Malta.**

Albania and Turkey were not ranked because they played too few matches.

NAMES SCANDAL ROCKS NEW ZEALAND SOCCER

— From JOHN EWAN in Wellington —

There are some things that New Zealand soccer does very well.

Administering a national side is not one of them.

Whoever announced the list of 30 players to attend last month's session at Auckland should qualify for some sort of award.

The list was not released with the authority of the NZFA offices at Wellington.

For openers, Paul Cameron was named as one of those invited — according to the newspapers. In fact he was not included in the official list.

It is bad enough being dropped from a national side without having to suffer from this sort of treatment.

And that's only the start of it.

The list also included Ian Park who is ineligible on residential grounds. Want more?

The published reports failed to include Asian tourists Nigel Ashurst and Tony Sibley, both of whom were officially invited.

And so it goes on, blunder after blunder.

A quick look through the published names produces an amazing line-up.

Earle Thomas has become Ernie Thomas. Colin Latimour is now apparently Colin Timour and Alex Smith has seemingly effected an unpublished transfer from Brighton to Wellington.

Or so the report would have us believe.

It's not funny.

This is not a Saturday afternoon kick around squad. It is supposed to be New Zealand's national players preparing for the world's biggest soccer competition.

If these are the top players, it says little for the ranking of soccer players as household names.

Paper after paper right across the country carried the report with all the errors. Not one soccer writer has pointed out the mistakes.

To the best of my knowledge, the report was released in Auckland.

A later report was also published in Auckland and again it made a mockery of the facts. Again. Nothing was done to correct the mistakes.

The report attributes a draw for the World Cup to Mr. C. Dempsey. Either the paper concerned or Mr. C. Dempsey have a different list from that issued by FIFA.

The published list completely ignored the fact that matches were being played at Melbourne.

We have frequently heard NZFA officials express delight at the amount of space given to soccer by the news media.

Both of these items were certainly given a lot of space.

Too bad they were wrong.

Ampol Cup Draw For 1973

ROUND 1

WEDNESDAY 31-1-73 — GARSIDE PARK
St. George v. Granville 7.45 p.m.
Hakoah v. Western Suburbs 9.10 p.m.
FRIDAY 2-2-73 — WOONONA OVAL
Safeway United v. Yugal-Prague 8.30 p.m.
FRIDAY 2-2-73 — MARCONI OVAL
Marconi v. Sutherland 8.30 p.m.
SUNDAY 4-2-73 — WENTWORTH PARK
Auburn v. Pan Hellenic 3.30 p.m.
APIA v. Croatia 4.55 p.m.

ROUND 2

WEDNESDAY 7-2-73 — GARSIDE PARK
Sutherland v. Hakoah 7.45 p.m.
Granville v. APIA 9.10 p.m.
FRIDAY 9-2-73 — MARCONI OVAL
Marconi v. Yugal-Prague 8.30 p.m.
FRIDAY 9-2-73 — WOONONA OVAL
Safeway United v. Western Suburbs 8.30 p.m.
FRIDAY 9-2-73 — GARSIDE PARK
St. George v. Auburn 7.45 p.m.
Croatia v. Pan Hellenic 9.10 p.m.

ROUND 3

FRIDAY 16-2-73 — MARCONI OVAL
Yugal-Prague v. Sutherland 7.45 p.m.
Marconi v. Western Suburbs 9.10 p.m.
FRIDAY 16-2-73 — WOONONA OVAL
St. George v. Croatia 7.45 p.m.
Safeway United v. Hakoah 9.10 p.m.
SUNDAY 18-2-72 — WENTWORTH PARK
Granville v. Auburn 3.30 p.m.
APIA v. Pan Hellenic 4.55 p.m.

ROUND 4

FRIDAY 23-2-73 — MARCONI OVAL
Granville v. Croatia 7.45 p.m.
APIA v. Auburn 9.10 p.m.
FRIDAY 23-2-73 — WOONONA OVAL
Sutherland v. Western Suburbs 7.45 p.m.
Marconi v. Safeway United 9.10 p.m.
SUNDAY 25-2-73 — WENTWOR[illegible]
Hakoah v. Yugal-Prague [illegible] p.m.
St. George v. Pan Hellenic [illegible] p.m.

ROUND 5

WEDNESDAY 28-2-73 — GARSIDE PARK
Western Suburbs v. Yugal-Prague 7.45 p.m.
Granville v. Pan Hellenic 9.10 p.m.
FRIDAY 2-3-73 — MARCONI OVAL
Auburn v. Croatia 7.45 p.m.
Marconi v. Hakoah 9.10 p.m.
FRIDAY 2-3-73 — WOONONA OVAL
Safeway United v. Sutherland 8.30 p.m.
SUNDAY 4-3-73 — WENTWORTH PARK
St. George v. APIA 4.00 p.m.

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Bankstown's ambitions must again be modest

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Lack of finance and a pricy transfer market will prevent Bankstown District Soccer Club from making an all-out effort for promotion this season.

Internal management trouble has weakened the team over the last few years and the club had to start all over again developing local talent.

Management-wise, the stage has been set for this program to begin with the reduction in the size of the committee from eighteen to ten members.

The club has also appointed former Luton Town player and last year's Granville coach, Peter Woods, as first grade coach.

Bankstown is very hopeful he will build a strong side with the young talent available.

Bob Chalmers, formerly with St. George's coaching staff, will assist Woods in his task of preparing and attending to the needs of the first grade squad.

To allow Woods as much time as possible to concentrate on the first team, Bankstown officials have appointed Les Colliver (an ex-Bankstown First Division player) to coach the second grade, while Bill Yuille will look after the thirds.

Dennis Dillon was appointed the club's trainer.

About 70 players turned out last week when Bankstown started serious training, which is now held three nights a week.

Amongst this huge number trying for a spot in one of the grades is the entire Bankstown under-16 representative team.

Several of these young promising players have been offered trials by First Division clubs, which angered Bankstown officials.

On the subject, club secretary Ian Kydd told me this week that for years Bankstown's plans have been frustrated by this sort of thing.

"As soon as we develop a young player, the First Division clubs will swoop on him with their cheque books," he said.

PAT DELLER

He said the 12 First Division clubs all kept a constant watch on Bankstown players throughout the season.

And Kydd has good reason for complaint because last year Bankstown lost two of the most promising youngsters in Sydney in Pat Deller to APIA and Steve O'Connor to Hakoah.

This year the "Towns" were pinning their hopes on the tall and talented young centre-half Norm Penman to bolster their strength, but he also might finish up with a leading First Division club.

Bankstown will also lose young halfback Gary Brack, who will be unavailable because of University studies.

This, coupled with the broken leg injury suffered by winger Bobby Goose in the Commercial Competition, has severely weakened the first grade squad.

On the bright side, the club will welcome the return of Eddie Patterson and David Hoare, both of whom were in England last year.

They have also signed inside-forward Mick Anthony from Polonia-Brisbane, who is believed to have played for Notts County in England.

Bankstown will have their first trial match on Sunday against Northern Districts at the Englefield Stadium.

WORLD CUP REFEREES

Seven Asian referees will officiate at next month's World Cup qualifying tournament in Sydney and Melbourne.

The ASF has been informed they will come from Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and South Vietnam.

Australia and New Zealand will each send a referee to the Asian Group "A" elimination round-robin, in Seoul, in May.

Tony Boskovic is likely to be Australia's representative.

ZANETIC'S ENMORE DEAD KEEN TO WIN PROMOTION

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

"The King is dead — long live the King," some sage once said.

However, the crisis was one in which a very much alive John Kalogeras — coaching king of Enmore — moved on to Pan Hellenic to try his hand at First Division coaching after a successful term bringing Enmore from obscurity to a modest but sound position in Sydney soccer.

Enmore face Ku-ring-gai in a play-off this month with a 1973 position in Second Division as the prize.

The new Enmore coach is Tony Zanetic, the former Yugoslav international.

No coach in Australia has higher playing credentials than Zanetic.

Included in his bag is a fantastic "European half-back of the Year" award.

But for an unfortunate back injury, his amazing list of achievements on the sports field would have been greater still.

Zanetic's first job is to have Enmore ready for the Ku-ring-gai clash.

ZUCKERMAN

Ku-ring-gai is being prepared by that wily ex-Hungarian Tibor Zuckerman, a favorite with Sydney crowds for many years.

Enmore is in full training.

Sessions are being held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights at Steel Park, Marrickville.

One recent trial was against Pan Hellenic.

NEW HOME

In keeping with their progressive policy, Enmore sought out a suitable enclosure in the district.

They have obtained excellent facilities and a superb playing surface in the form of Frazer Park, Sydenham.

The ground did not become available for football until this week.

The club gained a bonanza late last year.

Their club premises were in demand for another purpose, enabling them to secure a premium of $6,500 for transfer of the lease.

Replacement rooms have been obtained in Marrickville Road, Marrickville.

On the playing side the club welcomes back their skilful ball-playing Czechoslovak, George Krezia.

Krezia spent last year satisfying his wanderlust, which took him touring the length and breadth of Australia and New Zealand.

Tony Zanetic welcomed him back with open arms.

For a Third Division club — perhaps on the brink of Second Division — Krezia's grafting in the midfield and perfect ball distribution will be just what the doctor ordered.

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Book Review

ROTHMAN'S FOOTBALL YEARBOOK, 1972-73. Published by The Queen Anne Press Limited, London. 992 pages. (UK price £1.20).

The third edition of the most successful British football yearbook ever published is as packed with information as ever.

However, like most British sporting publications it only covers in minute detail every aspect of UK soccer, including full details of English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish clubs, players, managers, records, league tables, badges and ground plans of all league clubs, as well as a day-by-day diary of the current season.

Non-British fans must make do with less than 80 pages, briefly outlining the set-up in every Continental country and World Cup and European Competition records and details.

The publication, however, is aimed at the vast British market and, as such, should again sell out as this astonishingly complete volume is bound to become the English soccer-lover's "bible".

— L.G.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

PELE'S SANTOS IN MELBOURNE

This Friday will tell if the $55,000 gamble undertaken by the Victorian Soccer Federation pays off when the State side lines up at Olympic Park against the fabulous Santos, who will have the legendary Pele in their team.

The VSF will need to get at least 18,000 paying fans through the turnstiles to break even.

Given the right nod by the weather man, they should have no worries on breaking even and although Pele is reported to get $7,500 for every 90 minutes he plays in these touring games, I feel next door to certain that the appearance of the "Black Pearl" himself will ensure a handsome profit for the VSF.

And with an 8.15 p.m. kick-off and the splendid facilities and amenities at Olympic Park, it should be a great night, and one to remember.

For as well as seeing Pele for the first time, this will probably be the last occasion he will show his fantastic skills in Australia, according to reports which suggest he will shortly retire.

What of the teams and their prospects?

Victoria will have an outsize task in equalling or emulating the performance of Australia, who held Santos to a 2-2 draw in Sydney just over six months ago.

But the well-drilled and well-trained Victorians are ready and determined to put up the performance of their lives and will trot out on the field with no inferiority complex.

No one in their right senses will fail to concede that the vast superiority of Santos in every phase of the game, particularly in skill, is immeasurable and therefore sets the locals with a gigantic task.

But, by the same token, it's not impossible for Victoria to give a creditable performance if a bit of luck runs their way, and they are presented with chances of the gift variety.

Without going into any detail, however, it would be nothing short of lunacy to predict anything other than a win for Santos.

But the result for Victoria is not so important as the lessons the locals can derive from the game and, of course, not forgetting the attendance which is vitally important to the VSF.

Santos have been a power in top class Brazilian soccer for a long time, and won the world club championship in both 1962 and 1963.

In 1962, they won on over[illegible]e over Benfica, but in the 1963 final [illegible]n they were forced to go to a third ga[illegible] finally overcoming the Italian side.

Santos were formed in 1912 afte[illegible] sailors had demonstrated football in the [illegible] of the State of Sao Paulo.

The Victorian team captained by Australian international goalkeeper Jack Reilly, from Hakoah, will be selected from the following:

Jack Reilly (Hakoah), Robert McGinn (Wilhelmina), David Baker (Hakoah), Jim Kriaris (Alexander), Mike Pye (Wilhelmina), Falstro Tarquino (Juventus), Peter Bourne (SM-Hellas), Ian Marshall (SM-Hellas), John Gardiner (George Cross), John Wallace (Melbourne), Peter Ollerton (Wilhelmina), Jim Armstrong (SM-Hellas), Branko Buljevic (JUST).

Reserve 'keeper is John Kennedy, of Alexander.

Jack Reilly, Jim Armstrong and Branko Buljevic are all current Australian internationals and are in the national squad for the three games against Bulgaria.

Ian Marshall and Mike Pye were preliminary national squad members, but were not called up to play in any games.

John Gardiner was Victoria's top player in 1972, winning both the Rothman's and Argus Medals.

Billy Vojtek, an almost automatic choice for Victoria for many years, has been left out of the reckoning due to the predicament his club, Croatia, are at present in.

Victoria will also sadly miss the brilliant linkman Jim Mackay, who transferred to Hakoah in Sydney late last year.

David Baker, Jim Kriaris, Falstro Tarquino, Robert McGinn, Peter Ollerton and John Kennedy are new boys for Victoria, who are coached by Bill Walsh.

At Press time, no details on Santos' line-up were available.

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Last week's Ampol Cup result:

● Juventus v. Hakoah 0-0.

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Collingwood Brownlow Medallist Len Thompson trained with South Melbourne this week . . . South Melbourne soccer club.

But the chances of him playing at Hellas this season are slim.

He tried himself out as a goalie at Middle Park, and was tested by Australian forward Jimmy Armstrong and Giovanni Batticciotto in a private session.

Hellas president, Sam Papasavas, said that Thompson was promising, but no moves have been made to sign him.

Thompson has said he has quit Collingwood Aussie Rules club because the club refused to increase his terms to much more than $7,000 per annum.

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Another State League player wants to move to Sydney to join the ranks of ex-Victorians in top soccer there.

He is 26-year-old winger or midfield player, Ian McCarthy, of Melbourne, who impressed in Sydney last year in the Inter-City series.

McCarthy, who was at one time a youth player on the books of Aberdeen Football Club, originally came to Australia to join Lions with whom he gave good service before being transferred to Melbourne early in 1972.

He is married and works as a storeman.

— JIM COOK

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AMPOL CUP RESULTS, DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Hakoah

2 (1)

Rutherford 27 min., Fletcher 50 min.

WESTS

1 (1)

Curran 30 min.

A.P.I.A

1 (0)

Deller 48 min.

Croatia

1 (1)

D. Smith 33 min.

Sutherland

1 (0)

D. Mackay 43 min.

Marconi

1 (0)

Tolson 55 min.

Safeway

0 (0)

Yugal-Prague

3 (0)

Schneider 45 min., Mihajlevic 50 min., Serdarevic 67 min.

St. George

4 (2)

N. Morgan 8 and 19 mins., Denton 41 and 44 mins.

Granville

1 (0)

Hann 54 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Doyle 17 min. (penalty).

Auburn

1 (0)

Tracey 36 min. (penalty).

HOW THEY LINED UP

Nuttridge 4, Fekete 4, Bibby 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Mackay 4, Rutherford 3, Walsh 4, Fletcher 4, Baartz 4. Silva 2 (Keddie 50 min.).

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Eaton 4, **Curran 5,** Hargreaves 4, G. Smith 3, Guildea 4, Gray 4, Byles 3, Ainslie 3, Turner 3, Lindsay 2, O'Callaghan 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: M. Laing.**

McQuire 3, Keith 2, Callaghan 3, M. Clarke 3, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 4, Rooney 4, Deller 3, Pollard 2 (McMillan 62 min.), T. Butler 3.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Corry 4, Zukic 4, Whalley 2 (Lapic 52 min.), Wignall 3, Susa 4, Nixon 2, Danayevits 3, Yaager 3, D. Smith 3, Babic 4, Sullivan 3 (Huntley 59 min.).

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: L. Scheinflug.**

Maher 4, **Perry 5,** Wykes 3, Bennett, 4, Hughes 3 (Trail 36 min.), Darvill 3, Mackay 4, Lavin 4, Clarke 4, McKnight 3, Cockburn 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Murray 3, Roche 3, Moschen 4, Richards 3, B. Jones 3, Byrne 3 (Degney 48 min.), Brajkovic 3, Campbell 4, Carrizo 3, **Tolson 5,** Griffith 3.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Glover 4, Roberts 3, Cuthbert 2, Gleeson 4, Wilson 4, Allison 3, Fryer 4, Tuckerman 2, McKinnon 4, J. Stewart 3 (Walker 3), Thompson 2.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Tuinman 4, Harcombe 4, Boskovski 4, Rootsey 4 (Trkulja 4), Blacker 4, Takac (sent off), J. Alagich 4, Mihajlevic 4, Serdarevic 4, Waters 4, Schneider 4.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

Fraser 3, G. Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 4, Williams 4, Hogg 3, Herron 4, Abonyi 4, Warren 4, Morgan 4, Denton 4.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

B. Taylor 4, Bijkerk 3, O'Neill 2, Van Blerk 3, Gardiner 3, Brown 3, Raeburn 2, Biglands 2 (Vrolyks 51 min.), Frazer 3, Di Santi 3, Hann 4.

TOTAL: 32. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

Meir 4, **Fieldhouse 5,** Palmer 4, Barbouttis 4, Barr 3, Culledon 3, Muniz 3, **Doyle 5,** Manuel 2 (P. Clarke 54 min.), Harding 3, Izatt 2 (Povey 48 min.).

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

R. Taylor 5, Lawson 4, Stewart 3, Malone 4, Menzies 4, Hucker 4, Spilarewicz 3, Sidey 2 (Leek 51 min.), Barnes 2, Rogers 2, Tracey 4.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Hakoah had to struggle every inch of the way to run out victors by the odd goal in an exciting match. In fact, it was an impressive performance by their new goalkeeper, Owen Nuttridge, that enabled them to grab both points. The game was a thriller, the sort of stuff that brings the spectators back on the terraces with both sides initiating several clever moves that could have produced goals. Wests moved better in the first half but their finish was astray. New centre-forward Joe Fletcher left little doubt about his ability to shoot as his winning goal was a gem — a scorcher hit on the run from 25 metres out which raced like a bullet past Terry Eaton. Col Curran, Wests' attacking defender, gave notice of his return to Sydney football, and with more such performances, his return to the Australian squad is a certainty.

Crowd: 3,174 (double-header) Referee: T. Faraone.

— Charles Spiteri

The scrappy display by both teams can't be blamed all on the searing heat which even made watching an agony. The two teams' lack of conditioning was obvious throughout the 70 minutes, though in this department APIA lasted the distance better than Croatia. Les Scheinflug's new charges started full of fight and fire and gave APIA the run-around for most of the first half. Croatia deserved more than a one-goal lead at the interval, but in the second half it was APIA's turn to gain the upper hand. APIA had more scoring chances in that period than Croatia in the first 35 minutes, and they would have won the match had Deller, who earlier scored a gem of an equaliser, not missed two "sitters". Russell, McGhee, Blues and Rooney were APIA's best players. For Croatia, Zukic, Susa and Babic stood out.

Crowd: 4,588 (double-header) Referee: K. Lockrey.

— Lou Gautier

Inconceivable though it is, Sutherland's tactics dominated the match. Time without number they slowed down the pace, and pushed the ball around, often with pin-point accuracy. Johnny Lavin played a leading role, chasing continually and setting up the attacks. A superbly fit Steve Perry set up Sutherland's 43rd minute goal for Derek Mackay to guide it home after Bill Murray had become tangled up with one of his own defenders. Spurred on by the reverse, Marconi began to spark, and it came as a fitting reward for Max Tolson when he smashed in the equaliser. The 12 minute-burst seemed to take the sting out of Marconi, and few on the park were surprised when Sutherland held out for a draw.

Crowd: 1,879. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Keith Gilmour

Yugal-Prague lowered Safeway United's colors in no uncertain manner in an entertaining opening Ampol Cup match at Woonona. Although the first half was fairly even, Joe Alagich served notice of things to come in the very first minute when he rounded Ean Cuthbert to crash the ball against the post. However, Yugal had to wait till 10 minutes into the second half for their first goal — a brilliantly taken freekick by Horst Schneider that beat Darryl Glover all ends up. Ironically, Yugal scored all their goals after Ilja Takac received his marching orders. But even with 10 men, they were far too classy for a depleted Safeway, which sadly missed the attacking power of the injured Adrian Alston and Dave Rigby.

Crowd: 3,422. **Referee: B. Wilkinson.**

— Peter Schumacher

Without two of their best players in Billy and Tony Edwards, out with injury, Granville's zeal could only last the opening 10 minutes against the Saints who dominated the rest of the game. Although throwing in their strongest team against the newcomers, St. George never reached top gear but even in their relaxed mood they were far superior individually and collectively. Young Neville Morgan shattered Granville's hopes in the first half with two brilliant headers which flashed past goalkeeper Brian Taylor at lightning speed. The game was more lopsided early in the second half when in a three-minute spell the elusive Mike Denton cracked another two goals that left the opposition stunned. Schaefer, Warren, Williams, Utjesenovic and Herron dictated every move in the midfield, paving the way for the team's big win.

Crowd: 3,174 (double-header) Referee: T. Davies.

— Charles Spiteri

Both teams handled the heat remarkably well and clapped on the pace for most of the 70 minutes. Pan Hellenic were clearly the better team on the day. They were well on top apart from the first 15 minutes when Auburn dominated proceedings. Doyle's penalty — for a foul on Muniz who was sure to score — against the run of the play appeared to demoralise Auburn. Pan Hellenic were never to relinquish the upper hand after that although in the 36th minute it was Auburn's turn to be awarded a penalty when Tracey, their best forward, was upended in the box. Auburn can thank new goalie, Roy Taylor, for saving a point. The ex-Yugal 'keeper had a great debut, successfully containing an almost non-stop bombardment for most of the second half. Pan Hellenic were brilliantly served by their very exciting young fullback Ian Fieldhouse and by their midfield general, John Doyle.

Crowd: 4,588 (double-header) Referee: A. McKenzie.

— Lou Gautier

GRAND AMPOL START

Despite the heat and not too attractive a first round draw, the Ampol Cup got off to a good start last week.

There were several surprises, such as Yugal-Prague's convincing, stylisn 3-0 win against Safeway at Woonona and, especially, Sutherland's 1-1 draw at Marconi.

Croatia also did much better than expected — without their Victorian signings — by drawing with APIA while Wests showed the benefit of hard training with a grand, but rather unlucky display against Hakoah.

Only three teams are on full points after the first round: Yugal-Prague, Hakoah and St. George-Budapest.

Highlights of the first round:

● St. George's highly promising young giant Neville Morgan scored the first goal of the Ampol in the 8th minute against Granville when he rose high above a swarm of players to head home an impeccable goal.

● Ilja Takac, of Yugal-Prague, was the first player to be sent off in an official match this year when he received his marching orders against Safeway at Woonona in the 44th minute. Curiously, without him, and playing with 10 men, his team scored all their three goals.

● Three penalties were awarded. Wests' new Western Australian winger, Dave O'Callaghan, missed the season's first spot-kick, and by the same token denied Wests a draw against Hakoah, but John Doyle and Andrew Tracey made no mistake with theirs in the Pan Hellenic v. Auburn game last Sunday.

● Granville defender Brown may well have scored the season's first "own goal." Though Saints' fourth goal has been officially credited to Mike Denton, the ball could have been deflected by Brown past goalie Brian Taylor

● The first round attracted 13,063 spectators — some 750 more than for the corresponding round last year, but in 1972 there were three double-headers as against four fixtures last week when two games were played as single-headers.

— L.G.

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	1	—	—	4	1	2
Auburn	—	1	—	1	1	1
APIA	—	1	—	1	1	1
Croatia	—	1	—	1	1	1
Pan Hellenic	—	1	—	1	1	1
Granville	—	—	1	1	4	—

GROUP "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yugal-Prague	1	—	—	3	—	2
Hakoah	1	—	—	2	1	2
Marconi	—	1	—	1	1	1
Sutherland	—	1	—	1	1	1
Wests	—	—	1	1	2	—
Safeway	—	—	1	—	3	—

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SANTOS v. VICTORIA 2-0

PELE DIDN'T IMPRESS OLYMPIC PARK CROWD

Santos loafed to a 2-0 win against Victoria at Melbourne's Olympic Park last Friday in front of almost 20,000 spectators.

The VSF, which outlaid some $55,000 for the expensive venture, is expected to make a profit in the vicinity of $6,000.

The crowd, however, had little to enthuse about though Santos were much stronger than against Australia last year.

They certainly didn't get their $3.00 and $6.00 worth from the Brazilians.

Included in the Santos team last week were Carlos Alberto, Brazil's 1970 World Cup captain, and current star international winghalf, Clodoaldo, who was, however, replaced by Leao in the second half.

Santos were particularly unimpressive in the first half when the players ambled about with little zest or purpose.

They applied more pressure in the second half, but one had the feeling they never fully exerted themselves.

Victorian fans didn't rate Santos anywhere near as classy as Cruzeiro, whose matches almost one year ago to the day, provided the best football seen at Olympic Park for years.

If the match didn't fulfil its promise, it wasn't Victoria's fault.

The Victorians played well, and proved the value of their thorough pre-match training and preparation.

Buljevic stars

From a national team point of view, the dazzling performance of Australian left-winger, Branko Buljevic, was particularly heartening.

The classy JUST star's footwork was every bit as polished as that of his Santos counterparts, and Branko is set to play a big role in the Aussie side against Bulgaria and in the World Cup tournament next month.

A typical Pele "banana" freekick brought up Santos' first goal in the 27th minute.

Pele floated the ball to Edu, who beat Reilly with a well-timed header.

Santos' second goal came in the 72nd minute when Pele again engineered a well-rehearsed freekick for Jair Da Costa to score from close range.

Pele did show some flashes of his greatness, but occasionally he also made elementary mistakes which had the crowd gasping in astonishment.

The Brazilian fullbacks, Hermes and Murias were the real stars of the match, outshining the much more highly rated Pele, Carlos Alberto and Clodoaldo.

Peter Bourne, Jack Reilly, Alistair Scott and the artistic Buljevic were the best Victorians, but the whole team can be proud of its display.

Reilly, however, injured himself and will miss the Bulgarian matches.

This was one of the best matches a Victorian State side has played for some time, and on this performance Victoria would give NSW a run for their money.

Victoria: Reilly, Pye, Baker, Krialis, Scott, Marshall, McGinn, Bourne, Armstrong (Tarquino), Ollerton (Wallace), Buljevic.

Santos: Claudio, Hermes, Marinho, Carlos Alberto, Muria (Ze Carlos), Clodoaldo (Leao), Brecha, Pele, Jair Da Costa, Alcindo (Eusebio), Edu.

Scorers: Edu, Jair Da Costa.

Crowd: 20,000.

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Sutherland v. Hakoah — Garside Park, 7.45 p.m.
Granville v. APIA — Garside Park, 9.10 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Marconi v. Yugal-Prague — Marconi Oval, 8.30 p.m.
Safeway v. Western Suburbs — Woonona Oval, 8.30 p.m.
St. George v. Auburn — Garside Park, 7.45 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — Garside Park, 9.10 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Australia v. Bulgaria — Sportsground, 4 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Yugal-Prague v. Sutherland — Marconi Oval, 7.45 p.m
Marconi v. Wests — Marconi Oval, 9.10 p.m.
St. George v. Croatia — Woonona Oval — 7.45 p.m.
Safeway v. Hakoah — Woonona Oval, 9.10 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Granville v. Auburn — Wentworth Park, 3.30 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. APIA — Wentworth Park, 4.55 p.m.

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YES, EVEN A DAD CAN TRY TO BE HUMAN...

— By MIKE RENWICK —

LEAVE YOUR BOY ALONE. This is the advice we want to give — no, shout — to parents.

There is nothing more frightening than a handful of fathers racing up and down the touchline yelling at their 10-year-old sons.

Frequently you also see the female of the species, even more ferocious, more vociferous.

They call this barracking; we call it a harmful extension of parental love.

The boy you are shouting at — your son — is probably enjoying his game and playing it to the best of his ability.

So let him enjoy it. To more than 80 percent of them in the junior grades, these matches are fun, recreation, a chance to be with their mates.

Only the other 20 percent have a chance of staying in the game after they are 15 or so.

Of these a handful may reach the top; perhaps one or two rise to stardom. But no more.

However, here we are concerned with the 80 percent, the happy majority.

It's utterly useless hollering instructions to these boys during a match; the chances are they will play worse than they normally would.

When they hear the deep, resonant yell of their father, the boys usually react badly.

They want to please, and flatter — but a mixture of resentment, fear and their own technical limitations will cut against them.

More often than not these "instructions" are not terribly constructive anyway and the boy, even when he is very young, instinctively knows it.

You shout at him: "Boot it big" — but Johnny, deep in his little heart, knows that he cannot boot the ball further than 10 metres or so.

Because nobody has taught him.

So he feels that his father is unreasonable and too demanding; his confidence wilts and his fun evaporates.

At the earliest stage — in cases of boys under 10 or so — simple, logical and reasonable instructions from the sideline can bring results.

Boys are apt to lose concentration and watch not the game in progress 40 metres from them but a low flying aeroplane, a bird or a stray dog.

By all means, draw his attention back to the game; not with a yell but with a quick and brief remark. But yelling won't get you anywhere.

The worst is when fathers shout "instructions" — and they are the wrong kind. This happens when dad himself is only vaguely familiar with soccer and he supposes that his more advanced age gives him an edge over his son.

Our advice is: don't interfere. Every team has a coach or manager, so leave matters to him.

Imagine if every boy had to obey the loud instructions of his father; you'd have an orchestra with 11 conductors.

Give encouragement when things go wrong, when the boy completely miskicked a ball or misjudged the flight of a pass.

Give back the boy's confidence with a casual remark; don't destroy it completely with a pained outcry.

If you feel you know enough about the game to offer your boy some criticism, keep it until after the match, preferably after the boy had a shower, a bite to eat and some rest.

Don't drown him minutes after a match with your "brilliant" tactical advice, don't tell him what you would have done in his place.

Let him cool down and then — provided you know what you are talking about — have a father-to-son chat about the match and his role in it.

But always remember one thing: you can't put old heads on young shoulders.

It's his team and his game; he is not reliving your youth for you.

You may have been a veritable champion, your son may have inherited the wrong genes.

There is nothing sadder and more ridiculous than a father who wants to make his son into the champion he never was.

This is the surest way of robbing your son of any pleasure he may get from his game.

PLAY-OFF ON SUNDAY

The first of the two play-off matches for Second Division status between Enmore and Ku-ring-gai will be played this Sunday, weather permitting, at Wentworth Park, at 1.40 p.m., as the curtain raiser of the Ampol Cup double-header.

The return game will be played one week later, on Sunday, February 25, at the same time and venue.

Enmore: 1 H. Vlotis, 2 J. Papadopoulos, 3 J. Hagikalimnios, 4 C. Ariola, 5 J. Zyras, 7 M. Nezeritis, 8 A. Melita, 9 J. Kostakis, 10 P. Berde, 11 J. Demos. Coach: A. Zanetic.

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NSW FIRST DIVISION COMPETITION DRAW

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Pan Hellenic v. Western Suburbs	SATURDAY
APIA v. St. George	SUNDAY
Granville v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Sutherland v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Safeway v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Hakoah v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY

ROUND 2 — March 31/April 1

St. George v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
Yugal-Prague v. Western Suburbs	SUNDAY
Auburn v. APIA	SUNDAY
Marconi v. Granville	SATURDAY
Croatia v. Sutherland	SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Safeway	SUNDAY

ROUND 3 — March 7/8

Pan Hellenic v. Auburn	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. St. George	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
Granville v. Croatia	SUNDAY
APIA v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Yugal-Prague v. Safeway	SATURDAY

ROUND 4 — April 14/15

St. George v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Western Suburbs	SATURDAY
Marconi v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
Croatia v. APIA	SUNDAY
Hakoah v. Granville	SATURDAY
Safeway v. Sutherland	SUNDAY

ROUND 5 — April 21/22

Pan Hellenic v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Marconi v. Western Suburbs	SUNDAY
St. George v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Granville v. Safeway	SATURDAY
APIA v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
Yugal-Prague v. Sutherland	SUNDAY

ROUND 6 — April 25

Auburn v. Yugal-Prague	WEDNESDAY
Marconi v. St. George	WEDNESDAY
Croatia v. Western Suburbs	WEDNESDAY
Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic	WEDNESDAY
Safeway v. APIA	WEDNESDAY
Sutherland v. Granville	WEDNESDAY

ROUND 7 — April 28/29

Pan Hellenic v. Safeway	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
St. George v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Marconi	SUNDAY
APIA v. Sutherland	SUNDAY
Yugal-Prague v. Granville	SATURDAY

ROUND 8 — May 5/6

Marconi v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY
Croatia v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Hakoah v. St. George	SUNDAY
Safeway v. Western Suburbs	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
Granville v. APIA	SUNDAY

ROUND 9 — May 12/13

Pan Hellenic v. Granville	SATURDAY
Western Suburbs v. Sutherland	SATURDAY
St. George v. Safeway	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
Marconi v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Yugal-Prague v. APIA	SUNDAY

ROUND 10 — May 19/20

Croatia v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY
Hakoah v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Safeway v. Auburn	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. St. George	SUNDAY
Granville v. Western Suburbs	SATURDAY
APIA v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY

ROUND 11 — May 26/27

Pan Hellenic v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. APIA	SUNDAY
St. George v. Granville	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Sutherland	SATURDAY
Marconi v. Safeway	SATURDAY
Croatia v. Hakoah	SUNDAY

ROUND 12 — June 2/3

Western Suburbs v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
St. George v. APIA	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Granville	SATURDAY
Marconi v. Sutherland	SUNDAY
Croatia v. Safeway	SATURDAY
Yugal-Prague v. Hakoah	SUNDAY

ROUND 13 — June 9/10

Pan Hellenic v. St. George	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Yugal-Prague	SATURDAY
APIA v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Granville v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Safeway v. Hakoah	SUNDAY

ROUND 22 — (Queens Birthday — June 11)

Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic	MONDAY
APIA v. Western Suburbs	MONDAY
Granville v. St. George	MONDAY
Sutherland v. Auburn	MONDAY
Safeway v. Marconi	MONDAY
Hakoah v. Croatia	MONDAY

ROUND 14 — June 16/17

Auburn v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
St. George v. Western Suburbs	SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Sutherland	SATURDAY
Croatia v. Granville	SUNDAY
Marconi v. APIA	SUNDAY
Safeway v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY

ROUND 15 — June 23/24

Yugal-Prague v. St. George	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi	SUNDAY
APIA v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Granville v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. Safeway	SATURDAY

ROUND 16 — June 30/July 1

Croatia v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Auburn v. St. George	SUNDAY
Safeway v. Granville	SUNDAY
Hakoah v. APIA	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. Yugal-Prague	SATURDAY

ROUND 17 — July 7/8

Yugal-Prague v. Auburn	SATURDAY
St. George v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
APIA v. Safeway	SATURDAY
Granville v. Sutherland	SUNDAY

ROUND 18 — July 14/15

Safeway v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
Hakoah v. Western Suburbs	SUNDAY
Croatia v. St. George	SUNDAY
Marconi v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Sutherland v. APIA	SUNDAY
Granville v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY

ROUND 19 — July 21/22

Yugal-Prague v. Marconi	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Croatia	SUNDAY
St. George v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Safeway	SUNDAY
Pan Hellenic v. Sutherland	SUNDAY
APIA v. Granville	SATURDAY

ROUND 20 — July 28/29

Granville v. Pan Hellenic	SUNDAY
Sutherland v. Western Suburbs	SATURDAY
Safeway v. St. George	SUNDAY
Hakoah v. Auburn	SATURDAY
Croatia v. Marconi	SUNDAY
APIA v. Yugal-Prague	SUNDAY

ROUND 21 — August 5

Yugal-Prague v. Croatia	SUNDAY
Marconi v. Hakoah	SUNDAY
Auburn v. Safeway	SUNDAY
St. George v. Sutherland	SUNDAY
Western Suburbs v. Granville	SUNDAY
Pan Hellenic v. APIA	SUNDAY

Seven new "imports" will boost Polonia's chances

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Seven new players are expected to arrive in Sydney before the kick-off of the 1973 Second Division competition to boost Polonia's chances of regaining First Division status.

Vice-president of Polonia, Karl Chodkiewicz, said this week Polonia are aiming for the top this season, and that this was the only way the club can return quickly to First Division football.

Chodkiewicz visited Warsaw last August when he was on a business and pleasure trip to Europe for three months.

While in Poland, he started negotiations with the Polish Association to send players to help Polonia get back to the top.

This is not the first time that the Polish FA has come to the rescue of the Polonia team as only two years ago several players were sent from Poland to boost the ailing Sydney side.

However, their presence only helped Polonia temporarily and the club found itself in a bigger mess as these players returned home one after the other.

This last batch included talented winger Stan Wozniczko, utility player Kevin Szmidt, stopper Kevin Starek and inside-forward Grudienski.

Despite their talents, Wozniczko in particular, none had played First Division in Poland.

Wozniczko showed plenty of individual ability which, coupled with his lightning speed, had enabled him to finish top scorer in the 1971 Second Division competition.

Yet none of these players showed the class or talent of Richard Krawiarz or the wizardry of Tony Komoder, who will coach the Polish side this season.

Chodkiewicz said this week that the Polish season would end about the end of May, and the new players will be fully fit when they arrive.

RICHARD KRAWIARZ

"We requested seven players and hope to get all of them but, of course, difficulties could always arise," he said.

Polish soccer officials have always preferred to send single players, as married players are not granted permission to bring their families with them.

Arrival of new blood once again revives the memories when 2,000-plus crowds were a common occurrence when Polonia were doing well.

The club is still pursuing plans to move to Doonside on a site owned by the Polish Association.

Bulldozers have levelled the site where the soccer pitch will be located and work is in progress on turfing the area.

The pitch will not be ready for use this year but it should be completed for the 1974 season.

However, like most other clubs, Polonia are short of players, particularly for the lower grades.

They train twice weekly at Concord Oval on Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Friday 6.30 p.m.

BIG SHAKE-UP IN AMATEUR COMPETITION

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Sydney Branch Amateur's policy meeting has moved to tidy up the plethora of sundry junior competitions run by the clubs.

Forty-five applications were received to run mini competitions, many of which clash with inter-district and other major promotions.

Approved competitions will have to be completed by April 30 under the new rules which were carried by 14 votes to 2.

One objection to the competitions was that teams often travel long mileages, only to be eliminated after 15 minutes' football.

As it stands, Associations conduct their regular Saturday competitions, and many play occasional Sunday social games.

Inter-district games when played are on the basis of two Sundays on and one Sunday off.

Doubtless there will be objections raised from club level against the new rules, but a balance point has to be struck somewhere.

One particular snag will be the attitude of the RSL clubs, who conduct their own series on Sundays, apart from their local Association Saturday competitions.

They are already up in arms in opposition to the new rules.

Should they become an exception, the new rules are bound to come under further examination.

The Amateur Association has a big commitment to a soft drink company, so there is no chance of mini-competitions being sanctioned for the end of the season in opposition to the "Champion of Champions" games.

SUTHERLAND

The powerful Sutherland Shire Association has announced a new senior competition in a bid to raise the standard of football in the district.

The 10 strongest clubs will contest the "H. Dallimore Sunday grade competition" in first and reserve grades.

Clubs competing will be Sylvania, Caringbah Rangers, Como West, Cronulla Seagulls, Engadine Eagles, Kirrawee Kangaroos, Georges River Tigers, Miranda Magpies, North Caringbah Redbacks and Qantas.

All are local all-age Division I clubs.

Georges River won the Second Division in 1972.

Association secretary Bill Hodges commented that clubs may field players from under-15, 16 and 18 grades without restriction.

"This should encourage younger players to join in our best quality local football, and help bridge the gap to senior football", he added.

Sutherland also expects to field at least three divisions of all-age clubs.

They had 462 teams and 6,342 registered players in 1972, drawn from 22 clubs.

The Referees Association is setting out with a view to manning all fixtures, with highest rated referees to handle the Sunday matches.

Games will be on a home-and-away basis.

The close collaboration between the clubs and seniors has been a feature in Sutherland.

It will be interesting to see if the new competition produces any more starlets for the district club over the season.

UNDER-ELEVEN TOURNAMENT

The Annual McCabe Floral Service Knock-out tournament for under-11 teams will be held at the Endeavour Field, Fairfield Heights, starting on March 3.

For the last three years the tournament has attracted teams from all Metropolitan centres and some country districts.

Sixty under-11 teams entered for the initial competition in 1971, 64 teams played last year and a bigger number is expected this year.

All youngsters competing in the tournament will receive McCabe Floral Pockets while the winners and runners-up will each receive a trophy.

The winning team will also keep for one year the McCabe Floral Service Trophy (valued at $300) for one year.

Quarter-finals, semi-final, Encouragement Award, Trophy Final, Sprint Championship and March Past Presentations will be held in a gala day on March 18.

The tournament is organised by the Fairfield Heights Junior Soccer Club, and nominations to enter are now being received by the Secretary, C. Beauchamp, 10 Craig Ave., Smithfield, Phone 604-7015.

— CHARLES SPITERI

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Mini Ampol Cup results

Results of Round I in the 1973 mini-Ampol Cup:

Sutherland 2, Granville 1
Bankstown 4, Nepean 0
S. Dists. 4, South-Easts 1
St. George 3, West. Subs. 1.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Four undefeated sides make up the pairings in the fourth Ampol Cup round scheduled for this Friday at Olympic Park, 48 hours before Australia features in their third and final clash with Bulgaria at the same venue.

The fixtures and kick-off times are:

- 7.45 p.m.: George Cross v. Wilhelmina.
- 9.10 p.m.: Melbourne v. Hakoah.

George Cross, who held Footscray JUST to a scoreless draw in their first game without the brilliant John Gardiner and the freescoring Tom Clark, are likely to have this pair back in their line-up against the Ringwood side.

And this should enhance their prospects despite the fact that Wilhelmina ran riot and thrashed Keilor 6-0 in their opener.

But Ringwood's new capture, Colin Alexander, could be the man to watch after his brilliant debut.

Melbourne, who caused an upset by grabbing the all-important only goal of the game against the more fancied South Melbourne-Hellas, have ace defender Alistair Scott, who starred for Victoria against Santos, as the trump card in holding the free-scoring Mike Clarey of Hakoah.

And although Hakoah finished quits in another no-scoring game with Juventus in their previous encounter, the Melbourne match will prove a bigger hurdle.

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Last week's results:

- Juventus 1 (Lucchesi) d. Hellas 0.
- JUST 2 (Zoraja 2) d. Austria 0.

ALMOST A DREAM DEBUT

For a 17-year-old to play against Santos and Pele would have been rare honor for any Victorian.

And it all but happened to 17-year-old Andrew Bozikas, of South Melbourne-Hellas, who was in the final squad for the big game.

In the dying minutes of the Pele game, team-manager Bill Curran tried hard to substitute Bozikas but in vain as he gave up after failing to attract the attention of referee Geoff Harrison.

Despite the fact that Bozikas and his colleague Arthur Xantopolous, another 17-year-old from Hellas, seem destined to play against touring teams of the future, Bozikas is unlikely to forget how close he came to playing against Santos on February 2.

DAVIE CLOSS RETIRES

David Closs, one of the outstanding players in State League soccer over the past six to seven years, has announced his retirement from the game at which he has done so well.

But shutting one door has opened another for Closs, who has recently taken up Karate and is already something of an expert. Closs split his State League service between Juventus and Polonia, and last year was Polonia's "best and fairest" player. Before coming to Australia with Eric Norman, of South Australia, he was for seven years a first team player with Partick Thistle in the Scottish First Division.

JOURNALIST TO PUBLICISE HAKOAH

New publicity officer for Hakoah is Steve Kalus, who has been associated with the game for many years as a journalist. One of Steve's first assignments has been to publicise the recently formed Hakoah Social and Development Committee, which is designed to lift the club financially, socially and on the field.

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Back with Footscray-JUST but, this time, as coach is Cedo Cirkovic, who was one of their midfield stars a few years ago. Cedo, who has since had a spell as team boss of Fitzroy United-Alexander, has replaced a former club-mate, Milenko Rusmir, who gave JUST grand service as a defender before becoming coach.

ALL QUIET ON THIS FRONT

Only a trickle of news has emerged from the camps of the sides not participating in the Ampol Cup.

At Box Hill the new coach is Archie Campbell, the former George Cross and Victoria favorite who finished his playing career with Ringwood City-Wilhelmina.

Henry Siwka is back in Melbourne for keeps after working in Sydney last season but some doubts exist if he will reappear for Polonia.

Fitzroy United-Alexander are reported to have a brand new 15-strong committee and Johnny Sanchez has returned to his first love, Slavia, as coach after long spells with Pan Hellenic, in Sydney, and George Cross.

BIG SANTOS PROFIT

Well informed reports suggest that the VSF with $60,000 gate receipts from the Santos game, cleared a profit of $15,000.

— JIM COOK

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A bird's eye view of Tolson's penalty

Australia's equaliser against Bulgaria in Sydney last Wednesday week. Max Tolson, extreme right, scores with this penalty shot despite a brave attempt by Bulgarian goalie Ruman Goranov. Awaiting the outcome on the left are Manfred Schaefer, Jeko Jelev and Ray Richards.

AMPOL CUP RESULTS, DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Sutherland

1 (1)
Cockburn 11 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (0)
Blacker 64 min.

WESTS

1 (0)
O'Callaghan 7 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

Auburn

4 (3)
Rogers 3 and 39 mins., Malone 19 and 24 mins.

Granville

2 (1)
Biglands 21 min., Vrolyks 62 min.

A.P.I.A

1 (0)
Hignett (own goal) 28 min.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Maher 4, Perry 4, Wykes 3, Bennett 3, Darvill 3, MacKnight 4 (Hughes 50 min.), Mackay 3, Trail 2, Clarke 2, Lavin 3, Cockburn 4 (Walton 60 min.).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: * * *

Tuinman 4, Harcombe 3 (Velkovski 3), Boskovski 4, Takac 4, Blacker 4, Rootsey 3, Alagich 3, Mihajlevic 2, Serdarevic 2 (Trkulja 4), Waters 4, Schneider 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

Eaton 4, Curran 3, Hargreaves 3, P. Smith 3, Guildea 4, Gray 3, Byles 2, Ainslie 3, Turner 3, Lindsay 3, O'Callaghan 4.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Match rating: * *

Rorke 4, Roche 4, Moschen 4, Mihajlovic 2, B. Jones 3, Byrne 2, Brajkovic 3, Burns 2, Carizzo 3, Samuel 3, Griffith 2.

TOTAL: 32. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

R. Taylor 3, Lawson 4, Stewart 4, **Malone 5**, Hucker 4, Menzies 3, Sidey 3, Spilarewicz 4, Barnes 3, Rogers 4, Tracey 4.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

Match rating: * * *

B. Taylor 3, O'Maye 3, Biglands 4, Van Blerk 3, Gardiner 4, Brown 3, Fraser 4, Bijkerk 3, Vrolyks 3, Hann 3, Di Santi 3 (O'Neill).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Bakaric 3 (Callaghan), Clarke 3, McGhee 4, Russell 3 (McMillan) **Blues 5**, Roldan 3, Deller 4, Dal Forno 3, Pollard 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: * * * *

Meir 4, Fieldhouse 3 (Hignett), Palmer 3, Barbouttis 4, Barr 3, Culledon 3, Muniz 4, Izatt 4, Magill 3, Harding 3 (Povey), Clarke 3.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The Yugal-Prague outfit, most impressive in their initial Ampol Cup debut, was extremely lucky to share the spoils here. Their goal, six minutes from fulltime, by stopper Jim Blacker was a great individual effort and perhaps the only scoring opportunity the team had all night. Sutherland, fitter and faster led all the way with an 11th minute goal by Keith Cockburn. They completely dominated the game, particularly the first half, but failed to capitalise on their many scoring chances. Fullback Steve Perry played a leading role in keeping the heavy ball in Yugal's half for most of the game, but up front Sutherland still lacks punch. Halftime replacements Jack Trkulja and Steve Velkovski injected new life to the slow moving Yugal combination which sprung into action only in the last 10 minutes.

Crowd: 2,440 (double-header). Referee: T. Faraone.

— Charles Spiteri

Western Suburbs made the best of the dreadful conditions and circumstances to register their first win of the season over a weakened Marconi. With heavy rain falling throughout the 70 minutes, ball control and good football were out of the question and both teams settled down to a battle of grit and stamina. Wests' halfback trio of Smith, Guildea and Gray sized-up well the Marconi forwards, who were never a threat. Marconi missed the drive of Ray Richards in midfield where they were forced to relinquish control to Wests, but good work by backs Alfredo Moschen and Johnny Roche dislodged the effectiveness of the West attack. The only goal of the game came in the seventh minute.

Crowd: 2,440 (double-header). Referee: N. Campbell.

— Charles Spiteri

Lacking power up front, Granville were down 4-1, and were perhaps a little flattered by the final 4-2 result. Billy Rogers had a great ball from Jimmy Stewart in the net after three minutes, and the lively Frank Malone caught the entire Granville defence off guard for a second goal with a 20-metre freekick. Percy Biglands pulled back one goal, after Ray Gardiner and John Bijkerk had figured in a classy build up for Granville. Auburn were always ready to attack in force, leaving their neighbors looking a wee mite too dainty. "Ziggy" Spilarewicz played a sound hand for Auburn, but the two goals apiece from Rogers and Malone were the highlights.

Crowd: 5,405 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies.

— Keith Gilmour

It all happened when Pan Hellenic coach John Kalageros sent Alan Hignett out to contain APIA's right-wing thrusts. The luckless Hignett tried a full blooded, last ditch clearance off the line, only to see it rebound into the net from the inside of the post. Seconds before APIA's John McGhee had cleared from his line when, in a remarkable series of incidents, Pan Hellenic looked set to open the scoring. The second half action came thick and furious, but after APIA had tamed Muniz and Izatt their win seemed secure. Up front, Blues was the master, with Deller causing a whole handful of trouble to Barr over the closing minutes.

Crowd: 5,405 (double-header). Referee: W. Novelli.

— Mike Renwick

PULL-OUTS SHOCK NZ

This could be New Zealand's greatest soccer year — or the worst if things go wrong.

Playing for New Zealand by default is hardly the way to break into a national team in such a prestigious event as the World Cup.

In every other place on the globe players are lined up waiting for a chance to play in their country's team, but not in New Zealand.

Coach Barrie Truman selected a large squad of players for the vital build-up towards the games against the Oceania group, but the members gradually thinned out, by their own choice, and soccer is going to suffer in the end.

One would have thought that competing in the World Cup, at any level, would be every player's ambition, but it does not seem to be that way.

So, is the NZFA still justified in pressing on with the plan to get New Zealand into world soccer, even if they have to drag the players along with them?

It seems that, this time, the NZFA is more progressive than the players.

It is time to find out why our players are not keen to play for New Zealand so that we can get some ideas for the future.

The way things are going, there could be little future.

— From TREVOR ROWSE in Wellington

Ampol Tables

GROUP "A"

Auburn	1	1	—	5	3	3
APIA	1	1	—	2	1	3
St. George*	1	—	—	4	1	2
Croatia*	—	1	—	1	1	1
Pan Hellenic	—	1	1	1	2	1
Granville	—	—	2	3	8	—

* Match in hand.

GROUP "B"

Yugal-Prague	1	1	—	4	1	3
Hakoah*	1	—	—	2	1	2
Sutherland	—	2	—	2	2	2
Wests	1	—	1	2	2	2
Marconi	—	1	1	1	2	1
Safeway*	—	—	1	—	3	—

* Match in hand.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

AMPOL CUP 1973

BIG SUNDAY DOUBLE-HEADER WILL PROVIDE THRILLS GALORE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

St. George's position in Group "A" has been strengthened by last week's wash-out at Woonona.

The classy Cup holders, with eight absentees on international duty against Bulgaria, will now face the free-spending Croatia at Woonona in what will be a needle match on Wednesday, February 28.

Although Mike Johnson has a sound second string to promote, the need to do so has been postponed.

En masse promotions are never a coach's favorite fare.

With teams doubling up from early in the week re-rosters, here's how we see the weekend prospects:

APIA v. Auburn

Definitely one of the matches of the round, with both sides as Ampol Cup semifinal prospects.

APIA played well enough against Pan Hellenic last Sunday to suggest that they could just scrape home.

The side was short of a gallop earlier, but it is now moving purposefully.

Joe Marston has some problems to iron out in defence.

Auburn's side is balanced well, and Les Hucker's ability in defence will come to the fore as the pressure goes on.

With Jim Rooney and Terry Butler back, for us it's APIA by a nose.

Granville v. Croatia

With the elusive Billy Vojtek up front, Croatia have the strength to give an injury-hit Granville an outsize headache.

Granville's hope must be that the new men for Souths will not have knit into the side.

Ian Raeburn, Billy and Tony Edwards are out, and Granville could go to the transfer market for more strength.

It would not surprise if Les Scheinflug decides to blood centre-half Guy Kenny, an interesting gain from Mauritius, in the second half.

All in all, Granville will be flat out to break their duck in this one.

Safeway v. Marconi

Both sides badly need points, and with the quality of players on view, this one should have the expected big crowd buzzing.

Feature will be Australian captain Peter Wilson's ability to contain his former team's defence.

So far Marconi have not been convincing, as witness their draw with Sutherland and loss to the rejuvenated Wests in the mud.

This one might be a draw, but until Marconi get into full stride, Safeway could upset the interstate champions on the Woonona playing arena.

Sutherland v. Western Suburbs

This early game at Woonona on Friday has its mysterious elements.

Underdog, Sutherland, far from the richest side in the Federation, has thrown off some ragged tactics, and is playing controlled football, using the ball at times with effortless ease.

Peter Wykes, Derek Mackay and George Clarke are contributing to the change in no mean manner.

At the other end the Magpies have been sorted back into order, and on paper are the better of the two sides.

It is hardly likely that they will allow Cockburn, Mackay and Co. to mesmerise them off the ball, and it seems that Wests should get just enough control of the middle to make the difference.

Hakoah v. Yugal-Prague

Both sides should come into this one with plenty of spirit.

With a win and a draw to date no-one can underrate Yugal-Prague.

Their striking "triplets" — Alagich Mihajlevic and Serdarevic — are brilliant enough to score against any Sydney defence.

Hakoah are blending as quickly as Dave Maclaren could have hoped.

Wentworth Park should see a great match, with the possibility that Hakoah could hang on for a win, especially if the pitch is relatively dry.

Pan Hellenic v. St. George

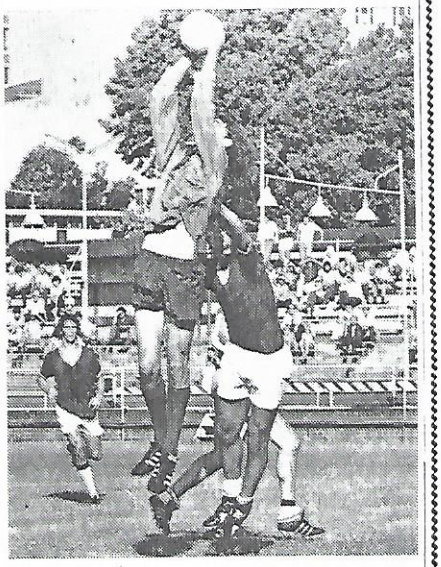
A lot will depend upon how the teams come through their deferred Wednesday encounters.

St. George must be favorites, but Pan Hellenic did enough against APIA last week to show they just will not lie down.

Young Gary Meir improves with every game, and the Muniz-Izatt combination is sparking well for the Greeks.

St. George should bring home the bacon, but it could be an interesting end to a good afternoon's football.

P.S.: Don't forget the Enmore v. Ku-ring-gai play-off, a choice tit bit at 1.40 p.m. A Second Division position hinges on the result.



Giant young Pan Hellenic goalkeeper, Gary Meir, in action against APIA at Wentworth Park last Sunday. Meir had a great game, but APIA won 1-0.

Deferred matches

Our tips for the deferred Round 2 matches played tonight (Wednesday, February 21):

- St. George, with all their internationals back on deck, to beat Auburn comfortably despite Auburn's good record against the Saints last season.
- APIA to prove too strong for a Granville side still feeling its way in First Division.
- Hakoah, with Baartz and Mackay back from international duty, to toss Sutherland.
- The reinforced Croatia to defeat Pan Hellenic, but not all that easily.

10 YEARS AGO...

(from SOCCER WORLD of February 22, 1963)

NSW Federation leaders will attend a meeting convened by the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Jensen) to discuss the proposed Sports Centre to be built at St. Peters. Two large, modern stadia for rugby and soccer have been planned with accommodation for 100,000 spectators.

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A former treasurer of the NSW Federation, Frank Hoffman, retired from the Management Committee because of business commitments.

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JUST, of Melbourne, were no match for Budapest and lost 1-4 at Lambert Park. Twenty-four hours later, JUST and Yugal drew 1-1 in a riotous game at Marks Field.

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We liked the friendly attitude of Yugal and Croatia players towards each other in the Ampol Cup match at Marks Field, including Yugal's gift of flowers to mark Croatia's First Division debut (Yugal won 6-2 while on the same bill, and in front of 7,300 spectators, APIA eliminated Gladesville 4-1).

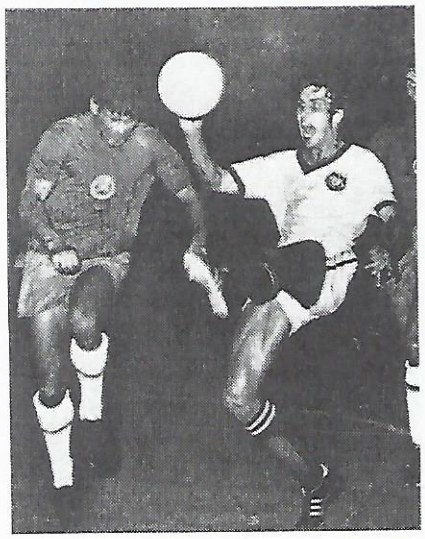
TICKETS ON SALE

World Cup tickets are now on sale at the Australia Square Shopping Circle, in the City, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

We would suggest you buy "season" tickets, covering all the Sydney double-headers as this represents a huge saving.

REFEREES

St. George v. Auburn — A. Faraone; Granville v. APIA — K. Lockrey; Sutherland v. Hakoah — B. Wilkinson; Croatia v. Pan Hellenic — A. Boskovic; Sutherland v. Wests — A. McKenzie; Safeway v. Marconi — A. Faraone; Granville v. Croatia — P. Rampley; APIA v. Auburn — B. Wilkinson; Hakoah v. Yugal — A. Boskovic; St. George v. Pan Hellenic — W. Novelli.



Australia's fierce-looking Branko Buljevic looks more like a handball player in this action shot from last week's 2-2 draw with Bulgaria in Sydney. Bulgaria's veteran ace fullback, Alexander Shalamanov, is also in the picture.

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2-0 at Olympic Park

Australia did not deserve those cruel Melbourne boos

— By LOU GAUTIER —

An off-side goal in the 22nd minute broke Australia's spirit and paved the way for Bulgaria's 2-0 win in Melbourne last Sunday.

But don't blame the referee, South Australian Don Campbell: he was excellent throughout the match. His linesman is to blame for failing in his simple job.

Australia had started the match better than in Sydney or in Adelaide, creating many more scoring chances in the opening minutes, but the gift goal is just what the Bulgarians needed to dissipate their nervousness.

They went on to display their best form of the tour, showing the crowd of 10,000 that they are unquestionably the best national team we've ever played against at home.

Though our forwards played very poorly, including Ray Baartz, who was still feeling the effects of his colossal one-man show in Adelaide 48 hours earlier, it was no disgrace to lose by two goals to that Bulgarian side.

The Bulgarians' clever use of long diagonal and square passes, their faultless ball control and their uncanny ability to mount speedy breakaways, turning defence into attack at the bat of an eyelid, were all too much for a very tired Australian team who can't stand up to three matches in four days against top opposition.

It will be some time yet before Australia can hold its own against an internationally rated team like Bulgaria. They are just too good for us at the moment, and that's that.

The Australian players did their best last Sunday, whatever a section of the crowd, that booed them towards the end, may have thought.

But Bulgarian soccer is on a totally different level from that of any Asian team — and will be for many more years.

The Australians, however, did prove that safe tactics in defence can achieve a respectable result even against a superior team.

Australia's tactics may not have been to the liking of the crowd, but to have played anything else would have been courting disaster and Australia needs a drubbing before the World Cup like a hole in the head!

Doug Utjesenovic was easily the best Australian — the only one to come near the visitors in football skill. He rarely wasted a ball and always kept his man under a tight check.

Jim Mackay, Bobby Hogg and Manfred Schaefer were tentative at the start, but improved, and the three of them finished very strongly.

Jim Fraser could not be blamed for any of the goals. He made several great saves and showed he is much more than a third choice in goal.

Jimmy Rooney worked hard to win many midfield duels, but, unfortunately, he again wasted many balls with very bad passing.

Baartz, as I mentioned before, was a shadow of his irresistible Adelaide self, but this was not too surprising after his herculean display two days before.

Max Tolson, the target for the crowd's abuse, was never in the game and couldn't do a thing right. The same applies to Branko Buljevic, whose inconsistency is becoming quite alarming. It nowadays appears to be all or nothing with Branko.

Bulgaria had many stars, none of them brighter than right-winger Vassilev, who, incredibly, had a hand in all the seven goals Bulgaria scored against Australia in the three encounters.

Dermendjiev showed he is far from finished, but Yakimov was again disappointing.

Highlights of the match:

6 min.: Wilson's fumble gives Vassilev a clear run at goal. Pritargov latches on to his winger's pass, but his six-metre shot is brilliantly saved by goalie Jim Fraser.

8 min.: Rooney's flying header is just wide with goalkeeper Goranov out of position.

20 min.: Baartz sends Campbell through beautifully but Goranov saves the Marconi forward's pile-driver.

22 min.: Buljevic is dispossessed in the Bulgarian 18 metres. From the resulting breakaway Pritargov — from an off-side position — scores after tricky lead-up work by Vassilev, who easily beat Hogg. 1-0.

36 min.: Dermendjiev is well off-side, but the linesman doesn't pull him up. Fraser dives at the Bulgar's feet to save a certain goal with a courageous save.

40 min.: Another good save by Fraser — at Yakimov's feet this time.

42 min.: Goranov's turn to earn applause with an acrobatic save which cuts off Baartz's threatening centre.

44 min.: Vassilev dribbles round Wilson and Fraser, but luckily for Australia, Bobby Hogg comes to the rescue with a magnificent sliding tackle almost on the goalline.

47 min.: A poor header by Campbell over the bar from Utjesenovic's curly corner-kick.

50 min.: Fraser dives full-length to save Dermendjiev's 20-metre freekick.

54 min.: A good run by Buljevic, whose shot is saved by Goranov.

57 min.: A classical goal by Bulgaria. Vassilev sends a perfect centre across for Dermendjiev to head a brilliantly executed goal past the helpless Fraser. 2-0.

58 min.: Wild shot over the bar by Buljevic from a corner-kick.

62 min.: Goranov has to scramble on the all fours to smother Tolson's long low shot.

67 min.: A crude foul by Wilson on Dermendjiev. Stoikov takes the freekick from 20 metres, but his shot grazes Fraser's left upright.

82 min.: Vassilev's snap shot sails over the bar.

86 min.: Fraser does well to fist away Tahmisian's eight-metre left-footed drive.

Australia: Fraser 4, **Utjesenovic 5,** Wilson 3, Schaefer 4, Hogg 4, Rooney 3, Mackay 4, Baartz 2, Campbell 2, Tolson 2, Buljevic 2.

Bulgaria: Goranov 4 (Mladenov 86 min.), Tchalev 4, Shalamanov 4, Evjeniev 3, Jetchev 3 (Stoikov 4), Jelev 4, **Vassilev 5** (Barzov 79 min.), **Dermendjiev 5,** Mikhailov 3 (Bogomilov 60 min.), Yakimov 3 (Tahmisian 67 min.), Pritargov 4.

Scorers: Pritargov 22 min., Dermendjiev 57 min.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA). **Crowd:** 10,000.

3-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium

AUSSIES JUST CAN'T LICK THAT ADELAIDE HOODOO!

The Adelaide hoodoo still hangs over the national team. Australia have lost their last four internationals in South Australia, but last Friday's 3-1 defeat against Bulgaria at Hindmarsh Stadium was the worst performance to date.

However, Australia's previous Adelaide conquerors — Japan, Scotland and Dundee — were not quite up to the standard of the Bulgarians, who confirmed last Friday that they are the strongest opponents the national side ever faced at home.

The inclusion of five players who did not appear in Sydney strengthened the team instead of weakening it.

The young players who were brought into the Bulgarian side tried much harder than the near-veterans and ran themselves into the ground, giving the jaded Australians a merry chase.

Their heroic efforts 48 hours earlier clearly took its toll on the Australians, who were unable to muster the energy to stand up to the Bulgarians' superior skill, pace and team-work and to back up and close-mark in defence.

To make things worse, we gave away two goals — the second and third — and were again down 2-0 at one stage.

Bulgaria opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when a high shot from Vassilev was brilliantly headed in by Bogomilov.

Five minutes later, suicidal loose-marking by the Australian defence enabled Pritargov to head Jordanov's swerving corner past Corry.

REVIVAL

Two minutes later Australia's hopes were revived when Baartz scored the goal of the match — a typical 30-metre "rocket" with the left foot.

The goal galvanised the Australians into attack and in the 34th minute Baartz was unlucky not to make it 2-2 when his hard 10-metre drive was miraculously saved by the Bulgarian goalie.

Baartz, probably the best player on the field, also deserved a better fate with his 59th minute freekick from 40 metres which hit the right post with Goranov hopelessly beaten.

Australia's last gasp, so to speak, came in the 68th minute when a flying header by Stoikov cleared Utjesenovic's shot off the Bulgarian line to save a certain goal.

The Aussies were demoralised by their lack of success after that and Bulgaria, by then in full cry, took over completely.

Australia had a very difficult last 20 minutes. During that unhappy period they played the worst soccer I've seen from any Australian team since Rale Rasic took over, in October 1970.

CLINCHER

Mikhailov hit the post in the 77th minute, Dermendjiev's point-blank shot only missed by centimetres a minute later, but in the 81st minute Bulgaria notched their third goal to make absolutely certain of victory.

Hogg, who otherwise was the best Australian performer behind Baartz, couldn't hold winger Vassilev, whose cross, somehow, eluded both Wilson and Schaefer, who got in each other's way, and landed at the feet of the unmarked Mikhailov, who scored the easiest of gift goals.

The Australians were the first to admit they played poorly, but credit must be given to the Bulgarians for turning in such a dazzling performance.

There were so many indifferent, or downright poor, performances in the home team that only two players came out of the match with their reputations intact — Baartz and Hogg.

Buljevic, Alston, Abonyi, Campbell and Tolson, the latter, however, suffering from stomach pains, have seldom played worse, and it was left to the indomitable Ray Baartz to carry the whole attack on his broad shoulders, but the Hakoah star was also our best midfielder!

Referee Tony Boskovic gave an impeccable display. As a result the match did not produce one unpleasant incident and both teams were reconciled after Wednesday's shambles.

Australia: Corry 3, Utjesenovic 3, Wilson 3, Schaefer 3, Hogg 4, Warren 3, Mackay 3, **Baartz 5,** Tolson 2, Campbell 2 (Alston 2), Buljevic 2 (Abonyi 2).

Bulgaria: Goranov 4, Tchalev 3, Shalamanov 3, Stoikov 3, Dimitrov 3, Tahmisian 3 (Evjeniev 70 min.), Barzov 3 (**Dermendjiev 5**), Jordanov 4, Vassilev 4, Pritagrov 3 (**Mikhailov 5**), Bogomilov 4.

Scorers: Bogomilov 22 min., Pritargov 27 min., Mikhailov 81 min., for Bulgaria; Baartz 29 min. for Australia.

Referee: A. Boskovic (NSW).

Crowd: 8,000.

— LOU GAUTIER

2-2 at the Sportsground

SYDNEY SEES A FIGHTING DRAW

Australia fought its way back from the brink of defeat by scoring two goals in an incident-packed second half to draw 2-2 with Bulgaria in Sydney last Wednesday week in front of a surprisingly large crowd of 14,163.

Few in the crowd would have conceded Australia any chance at halftime, when Bulgaria held a commanding 2-0 lead.

Both goals, mind you, were the result of slack Australian defence. Like against Santos and South Korea, last year, the first goal was scored off a dead ball. In the 31st minute Mikhailov's freekick curled around the Australian defenders and the completely unmarked Vassilev was untroubled to pick his spot to open the scoring.

The second Bulgarian goal, just on halftime, was an even greater tragedy, Ron Corry unaccountably letting a soft shot by Mikhailov go past him after getting both hands to the ball.

Flattering

Though the Bulgarians played the best football in the first period, the halftime score did not reflect the scoring opportunities.

In the second minute, from Corry's mammoth goalkick, Baartz crossed to Alston, whose header from five metres was only just wide. In the eighth minute a long Richards throw-in had the Bulgarian defence in a tangle, and only a fine save by goalie Goranov kept Australia out.

Tolson's header in the 20th minute also had the 'keeper in trouble; five minutes later a great move involving Tolson, Baartz and Mackay came to nothing when the latter's low shot went wide from close range, and in the 33rd minute Baartz' great pass, after a solo 45-metre dash, went begging as the ball rolled across the goalline.

Besides the goals, Bulgaria's best first half chances came in the 16th minute when Vassilev's angled drive forced Corry to concede a corner; in the 26th minute when Mikhailov shot over the bar after a great run and in the 30th when Corry tipped Jelev's 35-metre scorcher over the bar.

The Bulgarians, who were so cool, classical and collected in the first half when their impeccable ball control and individual skills delighted the crowd, lost their heads after Buljevic scored for Australia.

Magnificent goal

That magnificent goal — a 30-metre left-footer that potted high into the left corner of the net — seemed to drive them into a collective frenzy.

Until fulltime the game resembled a street brawl, with running battles flaring up all over the field under the benevolent, impotent gaze of referee Lamb, who again proved he cannot handle a match of that importance.

I am not all that certain, however, that he was not right to award Australia the match-saving penalty in the 72nd minute as he was better placed than most to judge whether Tolson had been interfered with.

Tolson, himself, took the spot-kick, made no mistake with an unstoppable low shot to Goranov's left, and Australia were back on level terms after a remarkable fightback that again shows that nothing is impossible for our soccer players when they wear the green-and-gold.

The equaliser only served to further enrage the Bulgarians, and since the Australians are no angels either, and can give as well as they take, it was really "on" for young and old.

Lamb's most questionable decision not to allow Mikhailov a second goal, which would have clinched Bulgaria's victory, 10 minutes from the end, further incensed the visitors, who until fulltime took their frustration out on the Australians, all of whom bore the mark of Bulgarian studs, kicks and punches on their bodies after the match.

Personally, I saw nothing wrong with the "goal", but the referee ruled that Mikhailov had fouled Hogg, and had blown his whistle, anyhow, before the ball went in.

Brawling Bulgars

The Bulgars' game fell apart when they abandoned artistry for brawling, and in the last 30 minutes it was Australia that moved the more smoothly.

Campbell's inclusion, Buljevic's newfound confidence, Tolson's aggressiveness and Baartz' midfield bursts set a few brilliant inter-passing moves in motion, which deserved a better fate, particularly in the 66th and 78th minutes when Tolson and Harris didn't miss by much after a series of defence-splitting passes had brought the ball up the length of the field.

Peter Wilson, as is so often the case in internationals, was, I thought, Australia's best player, followed by fullback Harris, Richards, Mackay, Baartz and Tolson, who battled gamely, without much support in attack in the first half.

Buljevic had a catastrophic first half, but showed his true colors after scoring his great goal, while Campbell added a touch of class when he came in at halftime.

Apart from his monumental blunder, Ron Corry performed well above the call of duty and made up for the unfortunate goal with some breath-taking saves.

The best-known Bulgarian stars were disappointing. Yakimov, Dermendjiev and Jetchev did little to justify their big reputations, but winger Vassilev, centre-forward Mikhailov and midfielder Jelev created a fine impression.

Australia: Corry 4, Harris 4, **Wilson 5,** Schaefer 3, Hogg 3, Richards 4, Mackay 4, Baartz 4, Alston 3 (Campbell, second half, 4), Tolson 4, Buljevic 3.

Bulgaria: Goranov 4, Tchalev 3, Shalamanov 3, Evgeniev 4, Jetchev 4, **Jelev 5, Vassilev 5,** Dermendjiev 3, Mikhailov 4, Yakimov 3 (Stoikov 67 min.), Pritargov 3 (Bogomilov 74 min.).

Scorers: Buljevic 56 min., Tolson 72 min. (penalty) for Australia; Vassilev 31 min., Mikhailov 44 min. for Bulgaria.

Referee: R. Lamb (Vic.).

Crowd: 14,163.

— LOU GAUTIER

Enmore win first match in battle for promotion

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

After holding a virtually unassailable 3-0 lead over Ku-ring-gai in the first leg of their Second Division qualifying match at Wentworth Park last Sunday, Enmore slumped to a trivial 3-2 margin.

Thus, the position is wide open for the series, with aggregate of goals deciding promotion if games are equal.

A big and enthusiastic crowd saw Enmore turn on the polish to dominate the first half.

Johnny Demos, fanning wide across the attack, was almost through early, and then the strapping Carmine Areola headed by from close range.

Enmore continued to try to put Demos through, but their first goal came for another reason.

Ku-ring-gai captain Rudi Mula came with a late tackle on Areola.

Areola took the penalty shot, sidefooting the ball to the left of Duncan Wilson, who incidentally had moved well before the ball was struck.

LIKE A BIRD

To the delight of many in the crowd, Peter Berdes took the ball on the run, flighting it like a bird one metre inside the top left-hand end of the post.

In contrast to Enmore, Ku-ring-gai were making their moves without looking the slightest bit convincing when it came to finishing.

Jim Williams came close to scoring in the 52nd minute.

He cooly breasted down a through-ball, but the agile Harry Vlotis covered a stinging shot.

Replacement John Ziras pounded in a third Enmore goal, and the promotion issue appeared well and truly settled.

Out of the blue Jimmy Morgan got a shot in for Ku-ring-gai, and George Stamatakis promptly deflected it into his net.

So far, Ku-ring-gai had been willing but inept in front of goal.

Stung into action, they pressed well until Tommy Stein accepted the pass that Rudi Mula gladly offered, and Stein made it 3-2.

There will be room for early goals on Sunday, as Enmore must have them, and Ku-ring-gai have "— 1" to make up before they start.

AMBITIOUS

Enmore aim to follow Greek-sponsored Canterbury and Rosebery into Second Division.

For Ku-ring-gai, Second Division standing would enhance their district prospects and add interest to their big new club arrangements at Roseville.

Sunday's match is certain to provide plenty of interest for another big attendance.

Enmore: H. Vlotis, J. Papadopoulos, G. Stamatakis, G. Brooks, J. Hagikalimnios, M. Nezeritis, C. Areola, J. Demos, N. Parkin, G. Kostakis, P. Berdes (S. Ballas).

Ku-ring-gai: D. Wilson, C. Brown, R. Gordon, R. Mula, M. McGuinness, T. Zuckerman, T. Stein, A. Poulter, M. Cairns, J. Morgan, J. Williams (J. Ridding).

More professional outlook for Guildford Wanderers

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The departure of Graham Hann to Granville was undoubtedly a severe setback for Guildford Wanderers, but the club is not unduly concerned about filling this big gap.

Enthusiasm and confidence within the club are at their peak.

Despite some losses, the club will be as hard a nut to crack as in past seasons.

After two years in Second Division, Guildford has cast off its amateurish outlook both on and off the field to tackle its problems with more vigor and realism.

With Hann's departure on the cards for some time, club officials lost no time to offset the loss.

During the off-season they signed promising youngster Eddie Williams, a centre-forward with considerable talent, who will be groomed to take over as number one striker.

They also upgraded two of their most talented youngsters in Graham Robinson and Dave Powell to the first grade squad, both of whom will benefit greatly from better coaching.

But the best "find" so far this season could well be young Bob MacDougall, the stopper who performed well in the summer soccer competition with the Millard Caravan side.

Over the past two seasons, Guildford have tried hard to plug a hole in their defence and former coach, Vince Jack, who was aware of this weakness, used to take the field himself.

Jack, who did a tremendous job in getting Guildford promoted to Second Division, reluctantly left for the United Kingdom two weeks ago.

Preparations for the new season went into top gear last week at Guildford.

Apart from the three federation teams, club officials have the task of organising and sorting out 40 other junior teams, most of which compete in the Granville District Junior Soccer Association competitions.

Jim Christie, the former Hakoah player, is coaching the first grade squad, while Bill Orr is the coach for the reserves.

The third grade, where plenty of young talent is available, is being coached by former Pan Hellenic and Ku-ring-gai coach, John Cole.

Guildford Park was given a "rest" during the off-season and a lot of work was done during the summer to ensure an excellent playing surface.

Guildford still aim to have licensed premises near the Guildford Park. This project is slowly proceeding.

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MAYHEM IN MELBOURNE

Eyebrows were raised in the Australian camp in Melbourne last weekend when it was found out that goalie Jack Reilly had played for his club, Hakoah, in Friday's Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park.

Reilly pulled out of the Australian team after advising he had been injured before the Santos match on February 2.

National coach Rale Rasic was also most upset with the way in which a section of the Victorian crowd booed the Australian players in the second half last Sunday.

Just like the fans in Adelaide last Friday, their attitude was deplorable and one must question the wisdom of playing a World Cup double-header in Melbourne next month if the crowd will not get behind the Australian players.

— LOU GAUTIER

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

With four rounds gone and the first semifinal only a couple of weeks away, two of the eight Ampol Cup sides have already kissed goodbye to their chances of getting past the qualifying stages.

The pair out in the "cold" are South Melbourne-Hellas, the 1972 State League champions, and Keilor-Austria, who are appearing in the Ampol Cup for the first time ever.

Both Hellas and Keilor are not only pointless, but neither side has managed to score to date in the competition which overall is suffering from a goal famine.

And to prove this point Wilhelmina in their two games played so far have scored as many goals (7) as the other seven clubs put together after four double-headers have been played.

Five of the eight matches played have ended up in draws and four games have failed to produce one single goal!

Fixtures for this Friday night at the usual venue — Olympic Park — are:

- George Cross v. Keilor-Austria.
- SM-Hellas v. Hakoah.

With Wilhelmina and JUST on three points apiece, with two games played, George Cross must beat Keilor to keep alive their hopes of making the semis. And the same applies to Hakoah, who must defeat Hellas as at present they trail both Juventus and Melbourne by a point.

George Cross, much better equipped all-round, should make no mistake against Keilor but Hakoah's task in downing Hellas looks much harder.

Despite their miserable Ampol Cup results and their goal drought don't write off Hellas' prospects of retaining their title this year.

I reckon they have still the best potential of any State League side, especially with the recent acquisition of Billy McIntyre, from Croatia, and 17-year-old Nat Little, from Altona.

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Last week's results:
George Cross 1 (Cunningham) v. Wilhelmina 1 (Cole).
Melbourne 1 (Speers) v. Hakoah 1 (Clarey).

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George Cross have placed two first team regulars on the transfer list, and at the same time are trying to conclude the signings of two players who have been in Australia for some time. The pair up for sale are former West Australian State 'keeper, Ivan Ivanoff, who had a spell too with Preston-Makedonia and winger, or defender, Robin Hayward, who was three years on the books of Coventry City before coming to Australia. The two the Cross are trying to sign are Francis Mifsud, a 23-year-old defender and former Maltese international, and Paul Murphy, a linkman of Northern Ireland club side Bangor. Mifsud, who has been in Australia since May of last year, is having a load of bother getting a clearance from his former club — Hibernians of Malta — while the same applies in the case of Murphy as the Irish side want money for his clearance.

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Peter McDonald, a leading referee in Victoria more than a decade ago and a referee supervisor until two years ago, is now a man of leisure, having retired from work.

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Monash University Soccer Club are holding a seven-a-side competition at their ground this weekend.

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Hakoah are likely to add the tag St. Kilda to their name soon and the Middle Park side have appointed Jack Reilly as team captain. Jack is also captain of Victoria.

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Nearly four years ago Melbourne caused something of a splash when they brought a quartet of Hungarians who had been playing in Yugoslav soccer to Australia — Fabian Juhasz, Steve Keri, Joe Szabo and Steve Bleskany, with the first named pair now in Sydney while Szabo and Bleskany are still with the club. Next month they will repeat the venture by bringing out another four Yugoslavs of Hungarian origin. Most notable of the four is 23-year-old sweeper, Josef Kotroba, who has been playing with Spartak.

— JIM COOK

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Granville v. Croatia — Marconi Oval, 7.45 p.m.
APIA v. Auburn — Marconi Oval, 9.10 p.m.
Sutherland v. Wests — Woonona Oval, 7.45 p.m.
Safeway v. Marconi — Woonona Oval, 9.10 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Hakoah v. Yugal-Prague — Wentworth Park, 3.30 p.m.
St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Wentworth Park, 4.55 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Ku-ring-gai v. Enmore (Division II play-off) — Wentworth Park, 1.40 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

AMPOL CUP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Wests v. Yugal-Prague — Garside Park, 7.45 p.m.
Granville v. Pan Hellenic — Garside Park, 9.10 p.m.

St. George v. Croatia — Woonona, 7.45 p.m.
Safeway v. Hakoah — Woonona, 9.55 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Auburn v. Croatia — Marconi Oval, 7.45 p.m.
Marconi v. Hakoah — Marconi Oval, 9.10 p.m.
Safeway v. Sutherland — Woonona Oval, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

St. George v. APIA — Wentworth Park, 4 p.m.

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AMPOL CUP RESULTS, DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Safeway

3 (2)

Roberts 25 min., Alston 27 and 50 mins.

WESTS

2 (1)

Curran 30 min., Turner 66 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (0)

Piatta 46 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

Hakoah

1 (0)

Baartz 48 min.

Yugal

0 (0)

St. George

2 (1)

Herron 12 min., Denton 46 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Harding 24 min.

A.P.I.A

1 (0)

Cudek 47 min.

Granville

0 (0)

Auburn

2 (2)

Rogers 13 min., Spilarewicz 30 min.

ST. GEORGE

2 (2)

Hucker (own goal) 6 min., Herron 22 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Glover 3, Roberts 4, **Wilson 5,** Gleeson 4, Tuckerman 4, Allison 4, Fryer 4, Alston 4, McKinnon 4, Rigby 3, Thompson 3.

TOTAL: 42. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Eaton 4, **Curran 5,** Hargreaves 3, Guildea 4, P. Thompson 4, Lindsay 3, Davidson 4, Turner 4, McCallum 3, Ainslie 3 (Byles 52 min.), O'Callaghan 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Tuinman 3, Harcombe 4, Boskovski 3, Takac 4 (Piatta 4), Blacker 3, Rootsey 2, J. Alagich 4, Mihajlevic 4, Serdarevic 4 (Velkovski), Waters 3, Schneider 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Rorke 3, Roche 3, Barton 4, Mihajlovic 3, B. Jones 3, Burns 3, Brajkovic 4, Campbell 3, Samuel 2 (Tolson), Carrizo 3, Griffith 2.

TOTAL: 33. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Nuttridge 4, Fekete 4, Bibby 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, **Baartz 5,** Rutherford 3, Keddie 3 (O'Connor), Fletcher 3, Di Melo 3, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Tuinman 4, Harcombe 3, Trkulja 3, Takac 4, Blacker 4, Rootsey 3, J. Alagich 3, Mihajlevic 3 (Piatta), Serdarevic 3, Waters 3, Schneider 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

J. Fraser 4, B. Harris 3, Juhasz 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Warren 3, Herron 4, Abonyi 4, Stoddart 3, Morgan 3 (Treasure 4), Denton 4.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Meir 4, Fieldhouse 4, Palmer 4, Izatt 4, Barr 4, Culledon 4, Muniz 4, Barbouttis 3 (Povey), Magill 2, Harding 4, P. Clarke 2.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Fuzes 3, Keith 4, Callaghan 3, M. Clarke 4, McGhee 4, McMillan 4, Blues 4, Rooney 3, Cudek 3, Pollard 3, **Butler 5.**

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻

B. Taylor 3, O'Maye 3, Biglands 4, Van Blerk 3, Bijkerk 3, Gardiner 4, Fraser 4, Vrolyks 3, Lee 3, Hann 3, O'Neill 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

R. Taylor 3, Lawson 4, Stewart 4, Malone 3, Menzies 3, Hucker 3, Spilarewicz 4 (J. Butler), Barnes 3, McDonald 3, Rogers 4, Tracey 4.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Dyson 3, Utjesenovic 4, Juhasz 3, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Harris 3, Herron 4, Abonyi 3, Morgan 3, Hamilton 3 (Stoddart), Denton 3 (Treasure 3).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The small midweek crowd at Woonona was treated to a fast, entertaining match which Safeway never looked like losing. Wests were not able to reproduce their earlier cup form and faded after an impressive start. United's two goals in two minutes put the issue beyond doubt and took the sting out of Wests' play. Western Suburbs' forwards could make little impression on a Safeway defence, marshalled in grand style by Peter Wilson. Though five goals were scored, including two by fullbacks Roberts and Curran, defences were well on top and outshone the respective forward-lines.

Crowd: 1,614. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Peter Schumacher

It took Yugal to the 46th minute to settle the issue with a goal by replacement Jorge Piatta. With Ilja Takac the power behind a sound Yugal first half display, the team gave depleted Marconi the run-around. Ray Richards was sadly missed, and other internationals Ernie Campbell and Max Tolson were beyond giving their best after the batterings with the Bulgarians. No account of the game is meaningful without giving due credit to Joe Alagich who made the opening for the winning goal. Marconi ended up dropping long balls into the penalty box, but Yugal held their ground.

Crowd: 1,855. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Keith Gilmour

Though Hakoah made hard work of their win, they fully deserved to take the two points. Yugal-Prague had an "off-day", even their clever pattern-football was missing, though at times some of their openings on the wings had the Hakoah defence in a spot of bother. Hakoah had far more scoring chances, but it was left to Baartz, in a midfield role, to bang in the winning goal — a Baartz left foot "special." The Australian star was the best player on the field and confirmed he will be one of Australia's World Cup trumps. Had he received better support from his forwards, Hakoah could have won with something to spare because, as already stated, it just wasn't Yugal's day. Takac tried hard to get his forwards moving, but with little success.

Crowd: 7,163 (double-header). Referee: A. Boskovic.

— Lou Gautier

A very even game which could easily have gone Pan Hellenic's way too. Magill's 36th minute missed sitter probably cost Hellenic a draw. God knows how the former Hakoah Scot messed up a grand move engineered by Muniz and Harding. Saints won because they took their chances better. Both goals were the results of well mounted attacks. Saints may have been a trifle lucky to come away with both points, but they did miss some key men and one had the feeling that the internationals who did play were somewhat jaded. Highlight of the match, but scant consolation for Pan Hellenic, was Dave Harding's scorcher of an equaliser, in the 24th minute.

Crowd: 7,163 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies.

— Lou Gautier

The veil should be drawn over the first half of this match and the whole 35 minutes blotted from human memory. Both APIA and Granville resumed in better vein. George Keith attempted to show his forwards where the goal was. Then Terry Butler cottoned on, and made the midfield his own domain. John Cudek despatched Butler's 47th minute pass into the net for a lone goal. From there on APIA did what they liked (except for scoring), against a valiant but outclassed Granville defence. On the match APIA's Don McMillan is a player worth watching.

Crowd: 1,726 (double-header). Referee: K. Lockrey.

— Keith Gilmour

Andy Tracey and "Ziggy" Spilarewicz opened up the Saints' defence from the wings in the first half to the extent that Auburn should have had the game sewn up. But as the wingers' play died off, so did St. George come back into the fray. Two Auburn headers hit the target. Billy Rogers curled a picture goal just under the bar. On the debit side Les Hucker must have surprised even himself by the cleanness of his headed "own goal." Jim Herron angled in a great drive, and Martin Treasure showed he will again be a force.

Crowd: 1,726 (double-header). Referee: T. Faraone.

— Keith Gilmour

AMPOL CUP ROUND-UP

Croatia v. Pan Hellenic 2-0

The appearance of Billy Vojtek added more punch to the Croatia attack and he created havoc in the Hellenic defence.

Hellenic, however, were not disgraced and won their share of the ball, Derek Smith's goals coming somewhat against the run of play.

Croatia: Corry 4, Nixon 3, Whalley 2 (replaced by Zukic 50 min.), Yaager 4, Wignall 4, Susa 4, Danajevits 3; Babic 4, Harris 4, Smith 4 (replaced by Sullivan 53 min.), Vojtek 4.

Pan Hellenic: Meier 4; Fieldhouse 4, Palmer 3, Barbouttis 4, Barr 3, Culledon 4, Muniz 4, Izatt 3, McGill 3, Harding 3, Clarke 2.

Scorer: D. Smith 22 and 37 mins.

Crowd: 1,430 (double-header).

Hakoah v. Sutherland 0-0

A good performance by goalkeeper Alan Maher enabled Sutherland to stave off defeat in a match that lacked excitement.

Sutherland, who were unlucky not to win their earlier two drawn matches, had the ball kindly bouncing their way on this occasion as the Hakoah forwards were mediocre

Hakoah: Nuttridge 4, Fekete 4, Bibby 2 (Lynch), Watkiss 4, Marnoch 3, J. Mackay (replaced by Walsh 22 min., 4), Rutherford 3, Keddie 3, Fletcher 3, Di Melo 2, Silva 3.

Sutherland: Maher 4, Perry 4, Wykes 3, Bennett 3, Darvill 3, MacKnight 3 (P. Smith), D. Mackay 2, Lavin 2, Clarke 3, Trail 4, Cockburn 3.

Crowd: 1,430 (double-header).

Croatia v. Granville 1-0

Croatia, playing their second match in two days, made hard work of beating newcomers Granville.

Polished performances by Billy Vojtek and Derek Smith, a feature of the game, kept the South's attack together after they panicked in the second half when all their efforts to score failed badly.

Croatia: Corry 4, Nixon 4, Whalley 3, Yaager 3, Wignall 4, Susa 4, Danajevits 3, Babic 2, Harris 3, Smith 4, Vojtek 4.

Granville: Taylor 4, Raeburn 3, Biglands 4, Van Blerk 3, Bijkerk 3, O'Maye 4, Gardiner 4, Vrolyks 3, Hann 2, Fraser 3, O'Neill 2.

Scorer: Vojtek 50 min.

Crowd: 2,052 (double-header).

Auburn v. APIA 1-1

Auburn created enough scoring chances in the first half to seal the result but when everything was going their way they retreated into defence and squandered their lead.

With Auburn content to defend their advantage, APIA forced several attacks after the interval and were rewarded when the elusive Pat Deller broke through on the left to snatch a deserved equaliser 18 minutes from fulltime.

Auburn: R. Taylor 4, Lawson 4, Stewart 4, Malone 3, Menzies 4, Hucker 3, Spilarewicz 4, Barnes 3, McDonald 4, Rogers 3, Tracey 3.

APIA: McQuire 4, Keith 4, Callaghan 4, M. Clarke 3, McGhee 4, McMillan 3, Blues 4, Rooney 4, Cudek 2, Deller 3, T. Butler 4.

Scorers: McDonald 17 min., Deller 52 min.

Crowd: 2,052 (double-header).

— CHARLES SPITERI

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AMPOL CUP 1973

Battle for semi-finals highlights last round

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The fight for the four semifinal places will really be on in this last round of the 1973 Ampol Cup.

The outcome is made all the more uncertain because the leading clubs will be forced to play without their internationals, who will be tackling New Zealand in the World Cup opener in Auckland on Sunday.

Several teams still have a chance of reaching the semifinals, which may be played next Wednesday, under floodlights, at the Sydney Sportsground.

The outlooks for Round 5:

Western Suburbs v. Yugal-Prague

Yugal have lost none of their skills and still can be relied on to provide delightful touches of Continental-style football, which is the envy of many other teams.

Wests' more direct approach will make for a striking contrast when the pair meets on Wednesday at Garside Park.

Mike Laing has Wests in good nick, but this may not be enough to counter Yugal-Prague's sparkling football.

Yugal can clinch the points — and a place in the semifinals — if they feed the ball more to Joe Alagich, who is still not getting the right sort of passes.

The small pitch will probably suit Wests more than their ball-playing opponents, who need wide open spaces to weave their intricate, creative pattern football.

There shouldn't be much in it at the end of the 70 minutes, but Yugal should win despite last Sunday's lapse against Hakoah.

Granville v. Pan Hellenic

Both teams may be in trouble this year if their cup form can be taken as a reliable premiership guide.

The late match on Wednesday at Garside Park should have been played first as it certainly does not look half as attractive as Yugal-Prague v. Wests.

Besides, it's almost certain that Yugoslav fans will again outnumber Pan Hellenic supporters.

Granville did show an improvement against APIA, but Denes Adrigan has a long way to go before his newly-promoted side can start thinking of avoiding relegation this year.

Pan Hellenic have been most disappointing to date, their weakness in attack must be remedied soon if they want to achieve a higher standing in 1973.

We can't see too many goals scored here. The scoreboard attendant at the well-appointed Garside Park, whose pitch is in tip-top condition, should have an easy time.

Pan Hellenic may have just that extra experience on the night to win their first Ampol match.

Auburn v. Croatia

Two teams that may go places this season meet in a most attractive early game at Marconi Oval on Friday.

Billy Vojtek has shown he lost none of his dash and effervescence and will prove a catch prize for Croatia — as well as a mighty drawcard.

Vojtek will be Auburn's biggest worry, but Tommy Anderson's charges are so remarkably fit for this stage of the season that they must stand a very good chance of winning.

Both teams will be without a key player — McDonald (Auburn) and Corry (Croatia) — who will be in Auckland with the national team.

The loss of their match-winning 'keeper will severely handicap Croatia.

The pressure will be on young Schutt to keep his cool against the hard-shooting Rogers, Tracey and Spilarewicz, all of whom are in good early season form.

We are plumping for a one-goal Auburn win, or a draw in what looks like one of the best matches of the round.

Marconi v. Hakoah

Two depleted teams will take the field in Friday's late match at Bossley Park, with Marconi, on paper at least, the most affected of the pair.

Marconi's young players are still too immature to take over adequately from players of the calibre of Richards, Campbell and Tolson.

Baartz and Mackay can be more easily replaced in the Hakoah side, though the former's shooting power will be missed.

Hakoah must be starting to worry about their lack of finish in attack and are very much in the same boat as Marconi in that respect.

Marconi, however, are notorious slow starters every year.

We would be surprised if they were not amongst the leaders again once the competition is well under way, just as Hakoah are sure to play a leading role once more in the championship despite their tentative Ampol form.

Hakoah's stronger defence and midfield may give them a slight edge and we concede them the two points.

Safeway v. Sutherland

Sutherland can be more than pleased with their displays in the series to date.

Three draws against top clubs does credit to new coach Rex Foster, but the question must be how long can the Shire team make do with guts and determination alone?

Their energy-consuming efforts must take their toll in the drawn-out grind of the championship and unless they bolster their attack, 1973 could again be a hard season for Sutherland.

Safeway will be hard hit by the loss of Wilson and Alston, and will have to produce a big effort to keep both points at home.

We wouldn't be at all surprised if Sutherland salvaged another draw at Woonona on Friday.

St. George v. APIA

APIA's recent form hasn't been all that good that they can feel too confident of beating a St. George side which takes the field without their eight internationals.

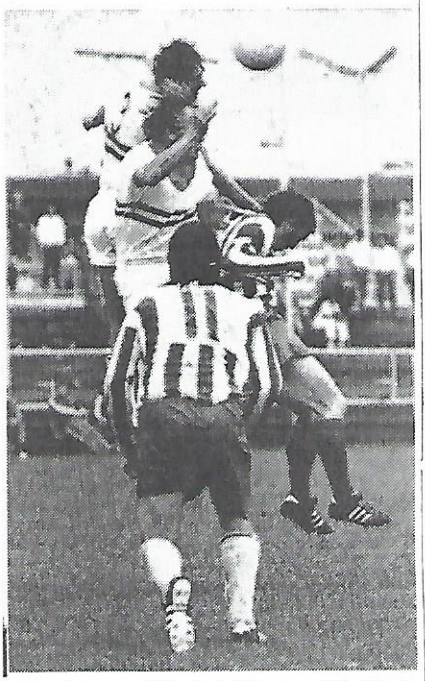
Saints, in fact, could quite easily achieve the draw they will be seeking.

It would be too much, however, to expect them to clinch the two points.

Willie Hamilton, Mike Denton, Jim Herron and Neville Morgan will carry a big load. This quartet must hit peak form if the Saints want to achieve the "impossible".

APIA could have done without the absence of Rooney and Butler.

This pair, which engineered their hard-fought win against Granville last week, will be sadly missed by a team still trying to play itself into form.



Fabian Juhasz and Manfred Schaefer of St. George outjump their Pan Hellenic opponents in this midfield incident last weekend.

Hakoah's Adahilton Silva obscures Yugal-Prague's Laurie Waters in this chase for the ball at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

DEFERRED MATCHES

"Soccer World" is out early this week, in time for the deferred match tonight (Tuesday, February 27) at Garside Park between St. George and Croatia.

This game promises to be a real thriller, with Croatia determined to further demonstrate they will be a force this year.

Without their World Cup players — all eight of them — Saints will be hard pressed to achieve a respectable result so Croatia must be favored to inch closer to the semifinals.

Wednesday (February 28), at Woonona Oval, Safeway and Hakoah will line-up without Wilson and Alston and Mackay and Baartz respectively, so it's anybody's match.

We are cautiously going for the visitors, whose reserves are stronger than United's.

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WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT

ALL IS READY FOR NEXT SUNDAY WEEK'S DEBUT

— By LOU GAUTIER —

General Torsak Yomnak, president of the Football Association of Thailand (FAT), vice-president of FIFA, and a member of the World Cup Committee, will represent FIFA at next week's World Cup tournament.

He will be accompanied by Asia's top soccer official, Mr. Koe-Ewe Teik, the Malaysian-based secretary of the Asian Football Confederation, who was FIFA's representative at the 1969 World Cup match against Israel in Sydney.

FIFA president, Sir Stanley Rous, and secretary-general, Dr. Helmut Kaser, are unable to attend because the UEFA meeting to elect a new president for the European organisation is being held at the same time in Naples.

The Australian Federation last weekend finally received notification from Indonesia and Iraq of the players who will be appearing in the series.

The Irakis, however, have yet to issue a short list as so far they have submitted 25 names.

THE INDONESIANS

The Indonesian squad, under coach Dr. Endang Witarsa, for the qualifying tournament is:

Ronny Pasla, Yudo Hadiyanto, A. Gederaka, Juswardi, Sunarto, Rahman Halim, Achmad Djohari, Sutan Hardarah, Rusdy Bahalwan, Jopie Lepel, Widodo H.S., Sarman Panggabean, Ronny Pattinansarany, M. Basri, Djunaidy Abdillah, Andia Asmara, Jacob Sihasala, Waskito, Abdul Kadir, Iswadi Idris, Max Timisela.

Only five of the 21 World Cup men played in the Indonesian team which lost 1-4 to Australia in Jakarta last October.

They are goalie Pasla, defender Rahman Halim, who replaced Juswadi, whose leg was broken in the 34th minute, midfielder Abdillah and strikers Abdul Kadir, who scored Indonesia's only goal, from a penalty in the 83rd minute, and Iswadi.

IRAKI SQUAD

Iraq will only send 18 players, to be chosen from: Sattar Kalaf, Mijbil Fartus, Abid Kadum, Kuisar Abdul Hamid, Sahab Kasal, Shidrak Yusif, Riad Nuri, Salah Aubid, Sabah Hattem, Amu Yusif, Ali Kadum, Jalal Abdul Rihman, Kusiar Kassim, Ziad Abdul Hamid, Duglas Aziz, Asam Khalil, Sami Jassim, Riad Hajib, Bashar Rashid, Ahmad Fathi, Adil Abud, Abdlil Rasak Ahmed, Sabeh Abid Ali, Abid Karem, Haizm Jassam, Abid Rasak Dakkel and Abas Skkair.

All but two of the players who helped Iraq win the 1972 World Army Championships in Baghdad have been included in the squad.

(For the New Zealand squad, see page 3).

DETAILS

ASF secretary, Brian Le Fevre, this week released details of the arrival, accommodation and training venues for the competing nations.

The three overseas teams will arrive in Sydney on Thursday, March 8.

Indonesia lands at Mascot at 9.55 a.m. on Garuda flight 895.

The team will live at the Woollahra Travelodge and train at Centennial Park.

Iraq touches down at 7.35 a.m. on Qantas flight 732 and will be accommodated at Ashfield Travelodge and train at Arlington Oval.

New Zealand gets to Sydney at 10 a.m. on Air New Zealand flight 955.

They have been booked in the Coronation Motor Inn, Artarmon, and will use Artarmon Reserve as their training headquarters.

The Australians will be at their favorite headquarters, at Wahroonga, training at the Bill Englefield Stadium, Tenner Road, West Pennant Hills.

The four teams will only be allowed one training session at the Sydney Sportsground, probably 48 hours before the kick-off.

The four teams will meet officially before the opening double-header — at an official World Cup dinner at 7 p.m., Friday, March 9.

TICKET SALES

We remind readers they only have until Monday to reserve tickets for the World Cup series at Australia Square.

Plenty of tickets, however, will be available at official kiosks outside the Sydney Sportsground on match days.

Early bookings, especially "season" tickets for the entire tournament, are advisable as you can save substantially that way.

New Zealand wins Oceania tourney

— From a Special Correspondent —

New Zealand won the inaugural Oceania Tournament, the William Walkley Cup, in Auckland last Saturday with a 2-0 win in the final against Tahiti.

For third place, New Caledonia beat the New Hebrides 2-1, also in Auckland.

In early rounds, New Zealand beat New Hebrides 3-1, and drew 2-2 with Tahiti.

The Kiwis showed nothing throughout the tournament to suggest they are in with a chance in the World Cup subgroup.

Two-goal victories, and a draw, against mediocre teams like Tahiti and especially the New Hebrides, who would be struggling in Sydney Second Division, can hardly be termed as ideal preparation to meet Australia, Iraq and Indonesia.

New Zealand coach, Barrie Truman, however, feels that the win in the tournament will boost his team's morale.

He thinks Australia was wrong to leave Oceania.

A win in last week's series, he claims, would have done Australia more good than defeats against the Bulgarians on the eve of the World Cup.

Sunday's World Cup opener will show which country made the wisest choice of sparring-partners.

At Woonona next week

JAPANESE CHAMPIONS WILL PLAY SAFEWAY

Thursday, March 8 is your only chance to see the Japanese champions, Hitachi FC, in action within reasonable distance of Sydney.

Hitachi will play at 8.30 p.m. at Woonona Oval against Safeway United.

Their only other match in NSW is this weekend, against Northern NSW, in Newcastle.

The Japanese also have two matches scheduled in Brisbane.

SAINTS' WELCOME

This week, St. George-Budapest gave the visitors a welcoming dinner at Soccer House as a mark of the close ties that exist between Saints and Japanese soccer since their all-conquering tour of Japan in 1971.

St. George's match against Hitachi in Tokyo in February 1971 was the toughest of the tour, Saints winning a rugged encounter 2-1.

One of the oldest soccer clubs in Japan, the Hitachi Football Club was formed in 1940 by a group of soccer enthusiasts as part of the intra-company sports program for Hitachi employees.

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Hitachi joined Japan's National League upon its inauguration in 1965.

In 1970 the club took third place and in 1971 fourth place.

In 1972, Hitachi achieved their greatest success by becoming National League champions of Japan, and now numbers among the strongest club teams in Asia.

All their championship-winning players are touring Australia, including internationals Nomura, Nagaoka, Ishi, Kobata, Ohmi, Kawakami and the brilliant full-back Yoshitada Yamaguchi, who played against Australia in 1968 and 1969.

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	2	2	—	4	2	6
St. George*	2	1	—	8	4	5
Croatia*	2	1	—	4	1	5
Auburn	1	3	—	9	6	5
Pan Hellenic	—	1	3	2	6	1
Granville	—	—	4	3	10	—

* One match in hand.

GROUP "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah*	2	1	—	3	1	5
Yugal-Prague	2	1	1	5	2	5
Sutherland*	—	3	—	2	2	3
Wests*	1	—	2	4	5	2
Safeway**	1	—	1	3	5	2
Marconi*	—	1	2	1	3	1

* One match in hand.
** Two matches in hand.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

AMPOL CUP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Wests v. Yugal-Prague — Garside Park, 7.45 p.m.
Granville v. Pan Hellenic — Garside Park, 9.10 p.m.
Safeway v. Hakoah — Woonona, 9.55 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Auburn v. Croatia — Marconi Oval, 7.45 p.m.
Marconi v. Hakoah — Marconi Oval, 9.10 p.m.
Safeway v. Sutherland — Woonona Oval, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

St. George v. APIA — Wentworth Park, 4 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

AMPOL CUP

Semifinals or deferred matches — watch daily Press for details

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Safeway United v. Hitachi FC (Japan) — Woonona Oval, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT

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Australia v. Iraq — Sydney Sportsground, 4 p.m.
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FRIDAY 16th	IRAQ	v. INDONESIA	7 P.M.
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WEDNESDAY 21st	IRAQ	v. INDONESIA	8 P.M.
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	AUSTRALIA	v. INDONESIA	3.45 P.M.

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Second Division spot for Enmore after classy win

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Enmore jumped up to Second Division with a 2-0 win over Ku-ring-gai in the final leg of the Second Division qualifying series at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

Having won the first match 3-2 Enmore carried off the series 5-2.

Enmore, under new president Andrew Prytsas, joins two other Greek-sponsored sides, Canterbury and Rosebery Rhodes, in the Sydney Second Division.

For Ku-ring-gai the battle is to retain their playing staff to swoop back from Division Three.

Both sides made team changes from the first match.

Melita came in for Enmore after a foot injury, and Ku-ring-gai fielded Peter Lincoln and Jim Ridding for Alan Poulter (blood poisoning) and Mick Cairns (ankle injury).

Enmore were soon in trouble as a moderate downfield breeze kept the ball well up on their defence.

Gary Brooks was finding it difficult to clear, and the whole Enmore rearguard had a lucky escape after Jim Papadopoulos was penalised by referee Truppe for a foul on Tommy Stein.

At the other end Jim Williams' shot was covered by Harry Vlatis.

Wilson's citadel

Then Duncan Wilson was caught out of his citadel, but a high shot was headed to safety from on the line.

Jim Kostakis made a fine run in the 29th minute, switching on to Johnny Demos, who shot into Wilson's open arms.

Before halftime, with play more scratchy than in the first game, Williams sent on to Jim Morgan and Rudi Mula, but Enmore's offside trap worked well.

Until early in the second half a more resolute Ku-ring-gai had an upset within reach.

With Ku-ring-gai claiming a foul was outside the box, referee Truppe awarded a penalty, which Carmine Areola blazed on to the bar.

Great goal

Then John Demos cut the ball in from the wing, raced through to accept the rebound from a defender, and brilliantly bent his shot from the goal-line between Duncan Wilson and the near post.

With the result now in Enmore's grip Areola took a further penalty for handball against Ku-ring-gai.

This time he soft-footed the ball to Wilson's left for Enmore's second goal of the day.

Enmore: H. Vlatis, J. Papadopoulos, J. Hagikalimnios, C. Areola, G. Brooks, M. Nezeritis, J. Melita, J. Demos, P. Berdes, G. Kostakis, N. Parkin.

Ku-ring-gai: D. Wilson, P. Lincoln, J. Gordon, P. Langlar (H. Cholakian), T. Zuckerman, M. McGuinness, J. Williams, J. Ridding, R. Mula, J. Morgan, T. Stein.

New coach

Enmore announced that their 1973 coach will now be Otto Klaus.

The club will have to recruit a third team, which would not have been required in Third Division.

For Ku-ring-gai a different picture emerges.

The club are unhappy at having to disband their under-18 prospects, which were patiently hand picked to progress through the club.

Their long-awaited license is still awaited.

Application rejected

The Licensing Court rejected their recent application, on what is believed to be a technicality.

They have to straighten out the matter and appeal, which will not be heard for four months.

Or again they may decide to go before the Equity Court, on the grounds that the technicality should not have been sufficient to cause rejection of the application.

Whilst the former is the more likely approach, the club board will have to make their decision, as surely they must have every chance of ultimate success.

Manly tipped for promotion in 1973

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

After four years' absence from First Division football, seasiders Manly may well find themselves challenging for their return to the limelight at the end of this season.

In the true tradition of district football, Manly stakes its future on local talent, and success or failure to win the promotion race will rest entirely on the ability of their young players.

Guided by chief coach Mick Jones and his right-hand man Ray Young, club officials believe that Manly can throw a stiff challenge for the premiership this season.

Their confidence is based on the abundant talent in the district, which last year enabled the club to win both the reserve and third grade championships.

They lost a few of last year's first team players, but some of the younger ones are improving so quickly that replacements are hardly a problem.

For instance, only last week, centre-forward Peter Garnham, who topped the goalscoring list in first grade last season, went to Western Australia.

During the off-season, right-back Colin Newall, the iron man in the Manly defence last season, returned home to England and is now playing for non-league club Hyde, in the Cheshire League.

So far this season, their talented goalkeeper Peter Gee has failed to turn up, so did the Jones brothers, Greg and Bob, who for many years were the mainstay of the Manly side.

Yet, these losses have been offset by many young gains, such as midfielder Terry Allen, a promising player who has had trials for a period with Manchester United.

There is also young goalkeeper, Mark Dower, who took over successfully from Gee at the end of last season and is still showing the promise and talent of a great custodian.

Abundance of goalies

Manly never seem to experience a shortage of goalkeepers, and despite his talents, Dower has to keep improving to get the regular first grade spot as he is already challenged by another young and talented 'keeper, reserve-grader Peter Dean.

Back in training after a two-year break is left-winger Colin Waller, who scored several goals for Manly in their one-year stint in First Division in 1969.

Bill Hutchinson, the big Manly stopper, will again lead their defence and young striker Steve Crawford will be a harder man to hold with a full first grade season's experience behind him.

Several other fresh faces are certain to make the first grade during the season, all of whom have come up through the ranks.

General manager for all teams will be Jim Scane, who some years ago managed Hasting United in the English Southern League.

New headquarters

Manly have now completed the move of their headquarters to Inman Park, Dee Why, where all home games will be played this season.

They have purchased a five-acre site, adjacent to the ground, where a new sporting complex will be built which, of course, will include a licensed clubhouse.

An application for a license is in process which, if obtained, will give a great boost not only to soccer, but to all other sports in the district.

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- Azzurri: Brisbane City
- Polonia: North Brisbane
- Germania: Southside Eagles
- Budapest: Grovely
- Dnipro: Trident.

All pretty meaningless nomenclature, we would say, and hardly a change which will improve Brisbane's already pretty dismal soccer scene . . .

— L. G.

AUSSIES WIN 6-0

The Australian World Cup squad, minus the St. George-Budapest players, Ray Baartz and the injured Jim Mackay and Jack Reilly, beat Bardon-Latrobe 6-0 at Perry Park, in Brisbane, last Sunday.

Australia piled on the pressure after leading 2-0 at halftime, but missed many scoring chances.

With better shooting the score could have reached double-figures.

"Guest" players Colin Bennett and Colin Curran appeared in the Australian team, whose scorers were Buljevic, Alston, Rooney, Richards, Campbell and Tolson.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The last Ampol Cup qualifying round before the first semifinal this Friday night features the following:

- **Juventus v. Melbourne**
- **JUST v. Wilhelmina**

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Missing from Melbourne's line-up in their Ampol Cup games is Frank McColgan, the former Slavia and St. George-Budapest forward who had spells in between his service with his Australian clubs in American and Canadian soccer.

I spoke to McColgan recently and, while not divulging the reason of his rift with Melbourne, it was plain that the break is permanent and the player is concerned that Melbourne may price him out of the game with the amount they would want for his transfer.

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Last week's results:

- George Cross 1 (Cunningham) d. Keilor 0.
- Hakoah 2 (Saunders, Mandalis) d. SM-Hellas 1 (Pirzas).

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LUTHER KASTNER'S COMEBACK

One of the longest-serving players with the same side in State League soccer is Luther Kastner, the German-born 'keeper of George Cross, who has been with the club since he was a schoolboy.

In recent years, however, Kastner has had his "ups and downs" as his fortunes have changed at club, State and national level.

Until the arrival in Australia of Jack Reilly, he was not only the recognised first choice goalie for Victoria but looked like becoming first choice for Australia. But a lapse in form saw him displaced as the last line of George Cross defence by former West Australian Ivan Ivanoff.

Kastner has now recovered his former brilliance and regained his first team place with the Cross which has resulted in Ivanoff being placed on the transfer list.

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EVERGREEN FRANK MICIC

The evergreen Frank Micic, who has given Footscray-JUST well over a decade of great service, represented Victoria over 30 times and made a good few appearances for Australia, has been "sitting it out" during the Ampol Cup games.

Micic, however, is fit and still obviously soaked in the game. Despite certain reservations about the present state of the game, I think that for the umpteenth season he will again turn out for the Footscray club once the State League gets under way on March 31 — or to be more precise, April 1 — when JUST meet Polonia in the opening game.

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SOCCER IN THE SUBURBS

Soccer continues to thrive in the Melbourne suburbs and Greensborough is excited that a senior club will represent them this year. The Greensborough Soccer Club are also bidding to expand their junior set-up and any unattached boys of the 10-15 category should contact secretary Roy Stretter on 435-3248.

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Croatia's appeal to the courts against their expulsion from the VSF and State League comes up on March 1.

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Joe Cunningham, who has recently been drafted into the George Cross attack through the injury to John Gardiner and the absence of Tom Clark, is a 19-year-old six footer who was on the books of Forfar Athletic, in Scotland, and joined the Cross early last year.

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SCHOOLS SEND S.O.S.

Piles of applications for assistance from schools is being sifted through by the Victorian Soccer Federation including requests for balls, equipment, literature and grants. The VSF hopes to meet all the requests in the very near future and obviously the big profit which accrued from the Santos game now permits the controlling body to give some real assistance to the schools.

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The ambitious Bell Park Soccer Club, from Geelong and Doveton, will both make their debut in the Metropolitan Fourth Division this season. Both clubs are products of the booming Provisional League, which gained such fantastic success last year.

— JIM COOK

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CUP... WORLD CUP... WORLD CUP...

AUSTRALIA v. IRAQ 3-1 (0-0)

GREAT AUSSIE SECOND HALF SHATTERS IRAQ

— By LOU GAUTIER —

At 5.09 last Saturday morning Sydney was hit by an earth tremour. At 4.02 last Sunday afternoon a much more devastating force shattered Iraq.

Iraq's national soccer team, that is . . .

For it was at that precise time that Ray Richards scored Australia's first goal at the Sydney Sportsground, which was to smoulder like a vulcano right up to full-time, thrilling to one of Australia's finest soccer victories.

The crowd reactions proved that it takes the World Cup — the greatest sporting event in the world — to stir the passions of the otherwise sedate or cruelly critical soccer fans of Sydney.

Last Sunday it was Israel all over again. The crowd was solidly behind the Australians, with the exception of colorful "pockets" of Iraki supporters.

HAPPY ENDING

But this time there was a happy ending. Australia pulled itself together in the second half to romp home magnificent 3-1 winners, only conceding a goal through lack of concentration in the . . . 92nd minute.

Iraq lost their rhythm after Richards' goal. Their defence was at sixes and sevens, unable to contain the rampant Socceroos.

Sensing their opponents' loss of composure, Australia kept pouring on the pressure.

From about the 55th minute onwards, there could only be one end result, despite a few dangerous Iraki breakaways and a couple of missed "sitters."

Australia had the match firmly in their grasp. The goal was the tonic they needed. They kept coming at Iraq, whose defence was bound to crack again.

That it did. In the 80th minute Alston, who is not called "Noddy" for nothing, headed in a great cross from Rooney.

And five minutes later the Sportsground erupted barely after the chants of "we want three" had died down when Alston scored again, this time from Utjesenovic's classic centre.

With a bit of luck it could have been 4-0 two minutes later as the ball rolled along the unguarded goalmouth screaming to be banged in.

FACE-SAVER

However, it was Iraq who saved some face with a very late consolation goal, so late in fact that it was scored two minutes into extra-time.

The jubilant Australian supporters barely noticed the goal!

Australia had more than amply made amends for their dismal showing in Auckland, played some of their best football ever and taken a giant stride towards advancing further in the World Cup.

All that, not the cheap goal, was what really mattered.

Victory was all the sweeter because the Aussies were really up against it in the first half.

Anyone who would have forecast the magnitude of Australia's victory at half-time would have probably deserved to be certified.

The Australians, after an encouraging first 25 minutes surrendered the initiative to the polished Irakis and until the interval our prospects were not too bright.

The Australian forwards persisted in running with the ball instead of running off it. Passes from the midfield were not finding their man and the ball-playing visitors had a stranglehold on the midfield in the first half, despite Richards' omnipresence.

Our rearguard, however, was safe and one always had the impression that the fate of the game rests with the Australian strikers, the defenders, for their part, appearing quite capable of coping with whatever Iraq threw at them.

The first 45 minutes provided typical, tense Cup-tie football, both teams probing each other's weaknesses and taking very few risks.

At that game, one must admit, that Iraq were better.

Actually, the 90 minutes last weekend provided two entirely different halves.

Iraq played something like a First Division European side in the first half, minus the shooting and finishing power.

They pushed the ball around nicely, opened up intelligently, and their technically well endowed players seemed to have things always under control.

One had the impression Iraq was quite happy to play for a scoreless draw.

The Australians, who did not jell in the first half, luckily, did not see it that way.

They were after a win, nothing less.

STUPENDOUS

Luckily, Richards' stupendous, "once in a lifetime" goal off Hogg's freekick, came at the right time. What a way that was to start the second half!

It gave the whole team added confidence. Our forwards started to take on the Iraki defenders who, pressed, were forced to make errors and lost their cool.

Of vital importance to Australia was the revival of Mackay and Rooney.

Ray Richards, the man of the match, was no longer alone in the midfield.

This trio won us the match, Alston's goals notwithstanding, when they secured a vice-like grip on the midfield early in the second half.

Corry, Utjesenovic, Hogg, Wilson and Schaefer formed a solid line of defence which gave little away.

So little, in fact, that Hogg and Utjesenovic were able to conduct regular forays into attack, from which Australia's first and third goals resulted — the sure sign of a confident team which has the situation well in hand.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Finally, a word on the sportsmanship of the Iraq team.

The manner in which their players took the bitter pill of defeat does them credit. I have never seen a more sporting team.

During the entire game, which was played in a friendly spirit, there were no ill-tempered outbursts on their part, no recriminations, very few fouls, and always a helping hand to get an Australian player back on his feet.

Iraq's refreshing sportsmanship spread to the Australians, who also rarely resorted to strong-arm tactics. As a result the task of the excellent referee from Singapore, Govindsamy Suppiah, was made immensely easier.

● **Now turn to page 5 for how Mike Renwick saw the match.**

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA d. IRAQ 3-1 (0-0)

Scorers: Ray Richards 49 min., Adrian Alston 80 and 85 mins. for Australia; Riad Nuri 92 min. for Iraq.

Referee: Govindsamy Suppiah (Singapore).

Linesmen: Fernando Alvarez (Philippines), Kim Joo Won (South Korea).

Crowd: 28,514 (double-header) at Sydney Sportsground.

Australia: Ron Corry, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Bobby Hogg, Ray Richards, Jim Mackay, Ray Baartz, Adrian Alston, Jim Rooney, Ernie Campbell (replaced Branko Buljevic 22 min.).

Iraq: Jalal Abdul Rahman, Mijbil Fartus, Abid Kadum, Douglas Aziz, Sahab Kasal, Shidrak Yousif, Riad Nuri, Amu Yousif (Bashar Rashid 78 min.), Sabah Hattem (Rasak Ahmed 67 min.), Salah Ubid, Ali Kadum.

Iraq's Sahad Kasal with Australia's Ray Baartz (left) and Ernie Campbell in close attendance. The Iraki in the near background is Douglas Aziz, who failed to take over the usual commanding role of Abid Kadum, who carried a serious head injury received after only two minutes. A fit Kadum could spell danger for the Aussies in Melbourne.

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THE SCORECARD

	AUSTRALIA			IRAQ		
	First half	Second half	Total	First half	Second half	Total
Goals	0	3	4	0	1	1
Shots at Goal	2	3	5	1	1	2
Shots outside	3	5	8	1	3	4
Freekicks	5	8	13	5	5	10
Throw-ins	9	12	21	18	14	32
Offside	1	1	2	4	1	5
Corners	2	6	8	1	1	2
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0

— EINAR PERSEN

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PLAYERS' PERFORMANCES

RICHARDS BEST PLAYER AGAINST SPORTING IRAQ

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Though it was mainly team-work of the first order that enabled Australia to take a grip on the match against Iraq in the second half last Sunday, there were also many first-class individual performances.

So many in fact in the last 30 minutes, that every one of the 11 Australians played a blinder.

One player stood out slightly above the others in the Australian team: Ray Richards, to whom we awarded a maximum six-point rating.

This is how I saw the players and referee perform in one of the clenest, most sporting international matches seen at the Sportsground for years.

RON CORRY

The Australian goalkeeper did all that was asked of him. He did not see all that much of the ball and rarely had to stretch out for full-length dives. He was busy mainly in the air, where he was faultless, giving the lie to those who claim he is vulnerable on high balls. His clearances, of course, were tremendous, as always.

Rating: 4

DOUG UTJESENOVIC

The best ball-playing member of the Australian team showed all the facets of his skills in another first-class performance which stamps him the equal, technique-wise, of most touring defenders seen in this country. His intelligent sorties, creative openings and cucumber-coolness stamped him as one of the very best players of the match. The manner in which he laid on Adrian Alston's second goal was indicative of his impeccable technique.

Rating: 5

PETER WILSON

Peter Wilson rarely disappoints in an international match. Against Iraq it was no exception. Australia's sweeper par excellence never lost a heading duel and his interceptions were at all times decisive, nipping in the bud any notions of an easy goal down the middle the Irakis may have had. His passing, too, was almost on par with the other departments of his game last Sunday. Australia's captain drove his team on relentlessly for 90 minutes.

Rating: 5

MANFRED SCHAEFER

"Manny" improved 200 per cent on his Auckland form. Under some considerable pressure in the first half when the Irakis concentrated their attacks on him, he revelled in the second half conditions when he came out on top of almost every man to man contest. Schaefer was back at his very best after the interval: not a foul went against him. The Wilson-Schaefer defensive "wall", so essential to the national team's well-being, functioned superbly, all but discouraging the opposition in the last half-hour of play.

Rating: 4

BOBBY HOGG

The dynamic St. George defender had a great match — right through the game. He did a grand job covering his dangerous winger, positioning himself cleverly to counter his tricky opponent. His overlapping was much more dangerous than usual because he kept the ball low and accurate instead of skying his crosses like in Auckland a week earlier. The volatile Hogg also kept his fiery temper well under control, and did not speak a word in anger to the referee!

Rating: 5

RAY RICHARDS

Ray Richards was the hero of Australia's victory. He was our best player in the first half and the best man on the field after the interval. It was only the shadow of the real Richards Auckland fans saw a week earlier. I rate his performance against Iraq better than against Pele's Santos

last year. His grafting, distribution and all-round midfield mastery were as good as any I've seen. The moustachioed Marconi star was the brightest jewel in the Australian crown and gets my accolade as player of the match. I doubt whether he's ever played better.

Rating: 6

JIM MACKAY

Still feeling the effects of his injury, Mackay had a quiet first half, but what a second half performance! Then we saw why the former Victorian is regarded by many as the country's best midfield brain. Deceptively slight, Mackay can give as much as he takes and it's not often he lost a tackle or a direct confrontation. His distribution, it goes without saying, was a delight in the second half and how our forwards relished the steady flow of millimetre passes from his twinkle feet!

Rating: 5

RAY BAARTZ

It took Baartz 45 minutes to adapt himself to his role of striker after serving a midfield role for so long in the national team. We would be lying if we didn't admit that his first half performance disappointed somewhat, but he certainly made up for it after the interval. A feature of his game was the effective manner in which he played off the ball, found the open spaces and harrassed the Iraki defenders when Australia went on their second half rampage.

Rating: 4

ADRIAN ALSTON

Little went right for the irrepressible "Noddy" in the first half. But he played his best football for some time in a devastating second half spell which netted goals in the 80th and 85th minutes. Both were world-class efforts which would draw rave notices anywhere. After excessive dribbling had got him nowhere in the first period, Alston played his difficult striker's role effectively and was the ideal foil for those who kept supplying him with those great passes. He also fought well after the interval, often recovering the ball from a "hopeless" position. Welcome back to top international form, "Noddy"!

Rating: 5

JIMMY ROONEY

The puckish APIA, midfielder won the hearts of the crowd for his superb second half performance. Rooney has never played better in his career. He was everything the modern midfielder should be. Magic sprang from his boots as he kept bobbing up everywhere. However, he slightly blotted his copybook in the first half when his passing was not always up to standard.

Rating: 5

ERNIE CAMPBELL

Coming in for the concussed Branko Buljevic in the 22nd minute, Campbell played his best match for either State or country. His ball control added a touch of class to the Australian forward-line. Here is a player who can hold on to the ball! He took part in many good moves, though in none of the three that brought up Australia's goals.

Rating: 4

THE IRAKIS

Iraq, who looked a class team until Australia took over after 50 minutes, fell apart at the seams in the last 35 minutes.

Many of their players, who had caught the eye and drawn applause in the first half, faded badly.

The Irakis I liked best were skipper ABID KADUM, despite the injury which required him to wear a blood-stained head-bandage after only two minutes, winger ALI KADUM the hard-working midfielder RIAD NURI and fullback FARTUS.

DOUGLAS AZIZ was a disappointment and gave the 3,000-odd Iraki fans in the crowd little to enthuse about.

The Singaporean referee GOVINDSAMY SUPPIAH was first-class and above any reproach.

HITACHI BEATEN

Despite the absence of Socceroos Peter Wilson and Adrian Alston, Safeway United were still too good last Thursday for the Japanese champions, Hitachi FC.

United won 3-2 with goals by Bob Fryer (2) and Danny McKinnon.

Hitachi's scorers were Kobata and Hirasawa.

Australia v. Iraq match highlights

1 min.: Straight from kick-off Salah Ubid races almost to the corner before slipping a pass to Hattem whose shot is blocked by Schaefer, conceding the first corner of the match.

3 min.: Richards' long throw-in is headed wide of right hand post by the overlapping Utjesenovic.

5 min.: Sahab Kasal, Iraq's centre-half, takes possession of the ball in midfield, lobbing high in the Australian goalmouth, but Corry times it well to clear the danger.

6 min.: Douglas Aziz takes a free-kick from 45 metres after "hands" by Schaefer, but the shot is saved by Corry.

8 min.: Australia apply pressure on the Iraki defence with fast attacking football, but a rising ball from Richards is missed by both Buljevic and Baartz in front of a packed goalmouth.

10 min.: Bobby Hogg gathers a ball from Corry in midfield, advances to within 40 metres, but his curving shot goes well wide of the target.

12 min.: Alston wins the ball, gets past two defenders and passes to Mackay, who quickly returns it, cutting off stopper Kadum, but Alston's full-blooded drive sails over the bar.

18 min.: A quick free-kick by Hogg sent Alston through on the right. "Noddy" kicks a difficult shot over the line for a goal-kick.

19 min.: Bobby Hogg clears a dangerous situation when he snatches the ball from the feet of Sabah Hattem, who was through and about to shoot with only Corry in front of him.

23 min.: Harrassed by several defenders, Baartz broke through and his shot forces Jalal Abdul Rahman to bring the first good save of the match.

28 min.: Long pass by Jim Mackay to Campbell on the 18-metre line, weak shot on the run and Rahman smothers the ball without difficulty.

29 min.: Shidrak Yousif and Ali Kadum figure in beautiful interchange of passing to break through on the left wing, Kadum firing a perfect pass in the goalmouth but Corry gathers the ball with Hattem almost on top of him.

39 min.: Salah Ubid breaks loose with a flashing run on the left to the corner flag, sends a square pass into the goalmouth where Ali Kadum misses the easiest of "sitters" by hitting the ball over the bar from only four metres.

44 min.: Mackay takes the pressure off the Australian defence by working the ball to the right, jumping two defenders before sending Alston through with a precision pass. Rahman makes a great save to stop Alston from scoring.

SECOND HALF

50 min.: Jim Mackay takes a freekick on the left 40 metres out, Richards pulls the ball down in the goalmouth and beats Rahman with a rising scorcher to the left hand corner of the net. 1-0.

54 min.: Sabah Hattem pounces on a high lob from the defence but is forced to shoot out as Wilson and Schaefer converge to block his angle.

55 min.: With three defenders in hot pursuit, Mackay breaks through on the right but only manages a weak shot.

57 min.: Brilliant interpassing between Mackay and Alston splits the Iraki defence but Adib Kadum nips in in time to stop Campbell from shooting from close range.

58 min.: Long throw-in by Richards missed by

(Continued on page 5.)

The prostrate Iraki goalie, Jalal Abdul Rahman, and his head-bandaged captain, Abid Kadum, can only sadly reflect on the effects of Australia's third goal — a world-class effort by Alston.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

CUP... WORLD CUP... WORLD CUP...

INDONESIA v. NEW ZEALAND 1-1 (1-0)

DRAW FAIR RESULT IN SUNDAY'S EARLY MATCH

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

New Zealand and Indonesia shared the goals and the points in their World Cup clash at the Sydney Sportsground last Sunday, and neither side was really entitled to quibble over the result.

Indonesia held their goal advantage from the thirteenth minute until New Zealand's equaliser in the 74th.

The wonder of the match was that New Zealand coach Barrie Truman waited until the 45th and 64th minutes respectively before directing Dennis Tindall and Alan Vest on to the pitch, with Mal Fergusson and big Geoff Brand retiring.

Tindall lived up to his reputation by taking on all and sundry, and ripping holes in the Indonesian defence whenever the opportunity arose.

No New Zealand forward matched up to him, although David Taylor did his share in trying for a break.

As to Alan Vest, the 32-year-old Englishman from New Zealand's Gisborne City club slammed in the equaliser, and they're the ones that count.

New Zealand demonstrated that the patient work by Barrie Truman and his predecessors is bearing some fruit, and that the Kiwis are determined to lift their standards.

But whilst they have come a few rungs up the ladder, there are plenty of steps ahead.

Indonesia allowed them plenty of room to operate, but the Kiwi build-ups were lethargic.

Brian Turner, particularly was given plenty of space by a retreating Indonesian defence, but on the day he dallied too long before getting his pass away.

Maurice Tillotson showed right throughout the game; overlapping to advantage, he showed the professionalism that came from his years with Huddersfield Stockport, and then Antwerp, of Belgium.

Ronny Pasla, the Indonesian goalkeeper, treated everything within range in the air as his own property, and was consistently brilliant without having to face many hard drives.

Apart from him, Abdul Kadir always impressed as left-wing striker, and Iswadi was most constructive in the midfield.

New Zealand started the match brightly, and within 30 seconds David Taylor hit a right-footer that skirted the near upright.

In the second minute Brian Turner took a freekick five metres outside the penalty box.

Indonesia made no attempt whatsoever to erect a wall, but Turner's shot was wasted.

From the seventh to the 13th minutes, Kadir was working well to develop an opening, and then his reward came.

His left-wing corner was met by Basri, who moved the ball across the Kiwi goal.

DIVING HEADER

Sarman Panggabean went for a diving header, neatly turning the direction of the ball away from 'keeper John Morris, and the Indonesians were one ahead.

The goal stung New Zealand into the full realities of World Cup football.

But they persisted with slow, high lobs from the wings, and three times Ronny Pasla punched away to safety.

Then the highlights went this way:

● **32 min.:** Iswadi, Basri and Kadir built up a nice move. Then Jacob Sibasale had Kadir away, but Kadir shot high when challenged by the advancing goalie, John Morris.

At this stage Indonesia was playing clever football, using delicate triangles to cut off the New Zealanders from the ball.

● **35 min.:** Sunarto sent Kadir away, but his left-foot shot was wasted.

● **48 min.:** Centre-back Ron Armstrong switched on to Dennis Tindall, but Pasla cut off Alan Marley's shot.

● **50 min.:** Panggabean shifted the ball crossfield to Amasra, who failed to capitalise on the opening thus presented.

● **54 min.:** N.Z. attacking again, with Tindall and Tommy Randles turning the ball for Alan Marley, who shot by.

● **55 min.:** Iswada beat his man once again, but Rizal misread the move, leaving the active John Morris to mop up for New Zealand.

● **63 min.:** John Staines built up for Brian Turner to unleash a smashing 18-metre drive, which missed by less than one metre with Pasla for once not in attendance.

GLORY!

● **74 min.: Glory for New Zealand! Alan Vest, 64th minute replacement for big Geoff Brand, bangs in the equaliser, after Tillotson and Marley gave the lead.**

● **81 min.:** Iswada misses the shot that costs Indonesia a goal and a precious point.

● **85 min.:** Turner crosses to Vest, who looked ready to snatch a goal when he was caught by Indonesia's last defender.

Throughout the game Indonesia proved cleverer than the New Zealanders, and some of their midfield work was extremely tidy. They emphasised their overseas reputation of being somewhat goal-shy.

Times were when their ball skill deserted them. Often this occurred when an opponent was in close attendance.

Abdul Kadir was always clever on and off the ball, but Indonesia's most creative man was Iswadi.

Indonesia's defence played well, without ever doing anything startling, but it was Ronny Pasla who showed that his international reputation in goal is well deserved.

Referee K. Mahendran showed up well. He was on the spot for the decisions that counted, and was clear and precise at all times. It was a credit to both national teams that they gave him no trouble, as situations can easily occur when teams are closely locked together, and one side possesses some much bigger men.

SCOREBOARD

INDONESIA drew with NEW ZEALAND 1-1 (1-0)

Scorers: Sarman Panggabean 13 min. for Indonesia; Alan Vest 74 min. for New Zealand.

Referee: K. Mahendran (Malaysia).

Linesmen: Masatoshi Nagashima (Japan), Dau Van Dzu (South Vietnam).

Crowd: 28,514 (double-header) at Sydney Sportsground.

Indonesia: Ronny Pasla, Juswardi, Sunarto, Anwar Udjang, Widodo, Suaeb Rizal (Waskito 77 min.), Basri (Asmara 39 min.), Sarman Panggabean, Iswadi, Jacob Sihasale, Abdul Kadir.

New Zealand: John Morris, Maurice Tillotson, Colin Latimour, John Staines, Ron Armstrong, Brian Turner, Mal Fergusson (Dennis Tindall second half), Tommy Randles, David Taylor, Geoff Brand (Alan Vest 64 min.), Alan Marley.

A scene from the Indonesia v. New Zealand match in Sydney. The teams draw 1-1 in a mediocre match.

SPECIAL EDITION ON FRIDAY NIGHT

A special edition, dealing only with tonight's (Tuesday, March 13) World Cup matches between Australia and Indonesia and Iraq and New Zealand will be sold Friday night at the Sportsground.

This "bonus" four-page issue will sell for 10 cents and will only be available at the Sportsground.

Watch for it!

Australia v. Iraq highlights

(From page 4.)

Baartz in the air and the ball slides to Rooney's feet unexpectedly. His hurried shot goes over the bar.

61 min.: Baartz latches on to a low ball, but finds Aziz in the way and the ball is deflected out of play.

65 min.: Baartz again slips past Shidrak Yousif and Abid Kadum to let fly with a sizzling shot that fully extends Rahman.

67 min.: A good dribbling run by Salah Ubid on the right, who sends a square pass to the unmarked Riad Nuri, whose hurried thunderdrive gazes the crossbar.

68 min.: Alston outmanoeuvres the Iraki defence, shooting low and hard to the left but Rahman brings up a brilliant save. However, he could not hold the ball, and under pressure Abid Kadum clears to corner. From Richards' corner Baartz heads wide.

70 min.: Richards sends a cross into the goalmouth, which is mis-hit backwards by Riad Nuri, who nearly scores an own goal.

74 min.: Mackay draws a big cheer from the crowd when he sends a high lob from 40 metres which completely bewildered the goalkeeper, but the ball just goes over the top.

80 min.: Rooney breaks through on the right, draws two defenders towards him before sending a high lob into the goalmouth, Alston leaps high to score with a mighty header. 2-0.

81 min.: Aziz takes a freekick from 20 metres, but Corry comes out and snatches the ball in full flight before it could cause any danger.

83 min.: A fine passing movement between Rooney, Mackay and Campbell with the latter — under pressure — shooting straight into Rahman's hands.

85 min.: Rooney wins the ball in midfield, slips it quickly to Utjesenovic, who flashes it into the goalmouth for Alston to chip it home by the side of the shoe for a brilliant third Australian goal. 3-0.

92 min.: Australia's defence relaxes. Mijbil Fartus advances on the wing, sends a lob to Ubid on the left who quickly sends a through-pass to Riad Nuri who, in turn, lets fly a right footed shot that beats Corry for a "consolation" goal. **3-1.**

— CHARLES SPITERI

THE SCORECARD

	INDONESIA			NEW ZEALAND		
	First half	Second half	Total	First half	Second half	Total
Goals	1	0	1	0	1	1
Shots at Goal	1	1	2	0	3	3
Shots outside	1	2	3	3	5	8
Freekicks	10	6	16	14	6	20
Trow-ins	14	19	33	19	8	27
Offside	2	5	7	2	2	4
Corners	3	3	6	6	2	8
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0

— EINAR PERSEN

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World Cup tournament schedule

DATE: March 1973	TIME	MATCH	VENUE
Tuesday 13th	7.00 p.m.	IRAQ v. NEW ZEALAND	Sydney Sportsground
	9.00 p.m.	AUSTRALIA v. INDONESIA	
Friday 16th	7.00 p.m.	IRAQ v. INDONESIA	Sydney Sportsground
	9.00 p.m.	AUSTRALIA v. NEW ZEALAND	
Sunday 18th	1.45 p.m.	INDONESIA v. NEW ZEALAND	Melbourne Olympic Park
	3.45 p.m.	AUSTRALIA v. IRAQ	
Wednesday 21st	8.00 p.m.	IRAQ v. INDONESIA	Sydney Sportsground
Saturday 24th	1.45 p.m.	IRAQ v. NEW ZEALAND	Sydney Sportsground
	3.45 p.m.	AUSTRALIA v. INDONESIA	

The Oceania Confederation will stage an UNDER-18 tournament for national teams in Tahiti in 1974. New Zealand's World Cup manager, Charlie Dempsey, says an Australian entry would be most welcome, even though we do not belong to Oceania. There could be some contribution to team expenses from the Tahiti gate receipts.

club patrol

Rugby League president BILL BUCKLEY was a guest at the World Cup soccer dinner at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club last Friday night.

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With Ray Baartz away and Jim Mackay out, GREG LYNCH was another Hakoah youngster to receive a run in the firsts. He didn't miss the chance to show his wares to advantage.

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FIL BOTALLICO is likely to join Rosebery Rhodes, the new Second Division outfit. Archie Blue is Rosebery's 1973 captain-coach.

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RAY POCOCK, last season's Second Division top goalscorer, is already sharpening-up for the new season. He scored a hat-trick for Canterbury in the side's 5-3 victory over Marconi last week.

DAVE WARDELL, Ku-ring-gai's third grade coach last season, has joined Northern Districts. He is coaching their third graders.

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This year's NSW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE consists of Andy Burton, Keith Gilmour and John Ipenburg.

PETER WALSH, the big Prague forward, has joined Second Division side Melita Eagles. He was in the side that lost 3-1 to Pan Hellenic in a midweek trial.

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LEN KELLY MLA, represented State Opposition Leader Pat Hills at last Friday's Lord Mayor's reception to the World Cup teams at Sydney Town Hall. Len is State member for Corrimal electorate, and in passing, president of Fern Hill Soccer Club. He reckons that apart from anything else, his electorate is the home of Federation First Division club, Safeway United, Second Division Balgownie, and five First Division and two Second Division Illawarra clubs.

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English referee STANLEY LOVER is lecturing to referees in all capital cities, Newcastle and Canberra. He also spoke to referees throughout New Zealand in a 10 day trip, and represented FIFA at the Oceania championship. Stan Lover is a well-known soccer publicist, with an information feature in the London "Daily Mirror", as well as writing for the English "Shoot" magazine. He is off to China and the East for a business tour after he leaves Australia.

FIFA representative at the World Cup tournament, GENERAL TORSAK YOMNAK, of Thailand, explained to "Soccer World" that he is a General in the Thai Police, and not in the Army. He started with a military career reaching the rank of colonel, when he was transferred to the police, becoming Police Commissioner for Bangkok. The General was in charge of security when the King and Queen of Thailand visited Australia just a few years ago.

DAVE ZEMAN, the former Prague defender and Northern Districts coach last season, has joined West Ryde Rovers as player-coach.

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ANGELO DEMOPOULOS, the Canterbury goalkeeper, made a comeback last weekend and played in the first half of a friendly between the Berries and Marconi.

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Polonia's new name is POLONIA SPORTS CLUB. They have dropped their "North Side" tag.

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HARRY WILLIAMS' wife, Pauline, is expecting their first child any day now. When you read this the happy event may have already taken place.

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Sutherland plays Second Division Canterbury at Seymour Shaw Park on Sunday, March 18, in a trial fixture. Sutherland secretary ROGER DEWICK says the Blues are set to make it a dress rehearsal to overcome Marconi at Seymour Shaw in the first round of the premiership the following Sunday.

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The ASF reception to the FIFA officials and visiting World Cup teams at Western Suburbs Soccer Club last Friday was a glittering affair. Behind the scenes Wests club chairman ALBY ANDERSON, his directors and staff, including secretary GORDON STRATFORD, made things relatively easy for the ASF by their superb organisation.

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Congratulations to the Sydney AMATEURS! Lads from over 150 local suburban clubs — one per club — ranged out over the Sportsground in a marvellous contribution to the World Cup opening ceremony. It was a great event when each player kicked a football into the crowd.

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LIONEL BROWN, whose capacity for organisation and hard work is being stretched to the hilt during the current World Cup tournament, was involved in a car accident last week on his way back from the Australian team's Wahroonga headquarters. His brand new vehicle is a total write-off.

Promising St. George starlet, BRENDAN GROSSE, is studying law at Sydney University.

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Safeway soon hope to have four British players joining them. The QUARTET, which includes a regular Blackpool first grader, was secured by coach Jim Harris on his scouting mission to the UK.

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The news is now better from Western Suburbs official and former Australian outside left HARRY ROBERTSON. Harry has left Western Suburbs Hospital for recuperation after a heart attack. Strangely enough his bed was immediately occupied by RAY MARSHALL, also an international winger, who is undergoing treatment for the same complaint.

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TOM STEIN, now with Ku-ring-gai, is the player released by St. George. Although there are too many youngsters St. George coach Mike Johnson holds him in high regard behind the first team squad for Saints to keep so many good second team players on their books.

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The S&ESFA is on the lookout for REFEREES. Any refs who want to help this growing junior association can ring D. Krite on either 211-2045 or 30-7885.

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GATE-TAKINGS last Sunday at the Sportsground totalled $58,000. The ASF needs $140,000 from the entire World Cup series to break even.

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Pan Hellenic are still looking for a MASSEUR. Please contact club president, George Kefalas, by phoning 591-6969 or 560-6772.

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CLIFF McDERMOTT, the Pan Hellenic reserve grade centre-half, has been transferred from Pan Hellenic to Northern Districts, the Second Division team coached by Joe Vlasits.

Pan Hellenic and Yugal-Prague will meet in all three grades in a full-scale TRIAL at Wentworth Park this Sunday. The thirds will kick-off at 11.45 a.m., to be followed by the seconds, at 1.30 p.m., and the first team takes the field at 3 p.m.

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MATT GUILDEA, Wests' dedicated Irish-born defender, is the new captain of the Magpies' first side.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Tommy Robertson, the former Hakoah, Alexander, George Cross and Lions forward who has been out of the game since early last season, is contemplating a come-back and reckons he is a free agent. Robertson has a wealth of fulltime professional experience behind him, having played in the first teams of both Dundee and Glasgow Rangers.

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A recent visitor to Melbourne has been Frank McIvor, a former pre-war great with Hakoah and one of the hardest hitting centres around at that time. Frank has made his permanent home in Queensland for the past few years after giving country soccer in Victoria long service as a leading official of the code.

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Strong reports suggest that Harry Sutherland, the former Hakoah and Victorian defender will rejoin the Middle Park club as team manager. Harry has been coach of First Division side Altona City for some years. Looking for a coaching appointment is former Footscray JUST defender, Z. Rusmir, who was coach of the Footscray side for the past two years after he gave them nearly seven years' service as a player. Before coming to Australia in 1962, Rusmir played with Red Star (Belgrade) as a junior, then had six seasons as a senior with Sloboda Tuzca also in Yugoslavia. He can be contacted on 91-4639.

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Melbourne are expecting the arrival soon of 21-year-old striker Joe Gordon who has had experience in English League soccer. Out of the game for over a year, Tom Carmichael who was recalled by Wilhelmina for their Ampol Cup games has shown he has lost none of his old skill in goal. Tom, who had a previous spell with Wilhelmina and also had spells with Lions and Melbourne stepped into the breach when Ringwood's regular 'keeper and State representative Nick Van Egmond went into dispute with the club over terms.

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With a regular fullback out of action through injury, Hakoah have welcomed back from England defender Barry Fletcher who is expected to step straight into the side. Although they played faultless on-the-carpet soccer, it was a blow to the pride of Footscray JUST to be beaten 2-0 by Juventus in Adelaide recently in a pre-season game. One player who played a part in the JUST defeat was former Australian international John Perin who had an unhappy experience in part of the 1972 season playing in Victoria.

— JIM COOK

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Australia v. Indonesia 6-0 (3-0)

AUST. WINS BACK FANS WITH STIRRING FINALE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia blazed their way to a crushing 6-0 victory against Indonesia last Saturday to win subgroup B2 of the Asian World Cup qualifying group.

The rejuvenated Socceroos, fit and rested after a six-day break, couldn't have finished the tournament on a brighter note.

Their display amply made up for some of their disappointing earlier performances — and how the crowd loved them for it!

The reconciliation between the national team and their fans was complete.

The roars and chants that accompanied every goal and the emotional after-match scenes testify to this.

The Sportsground crowd "willed" the Socceroos to victory.

The atmosphere was the most electric-ever at an international soccer match in Australia.

SMALL CROWD

It was a real pity, however, that only 12,390 turned up in good weather to watch Australia's biggest-ever international victory at home.

Those faithful "aficionados" who did come certainly had plenty to cheer about, even if the Indonesians were well below par.

In the flush of Australia's huge win it must not be forgotten, however, that Indonesia took the field without four of their key players.

Missing from their side last Saturday were fullback Judwardi, midfield playmaker Pattinasarany and those two clever, nippy forwards, winger Abdul Kadir, and inside-forward Iswadi.

They also lost the services of the series' star goalkeeper, Ronny Pasla, badly injured against the post after 24 minutes only.

This, however, cannot detract from the Aussies' great victory.

Iraq's 4-0 win in the early match put tremendous pressure on them: a draw would have been fatal.

They had to win, and preferably win well, to make amends for some of their uninspiring earlier displays.

On all counts their vital mission was accomplished.

Indonesia can thank their lucky stars the score did not reach double-figures.

On no less than five occasions they were saved by the posts or the crossbar (Richards twice and Abonyi, Tolson and Alston once each).

Indonesia rarely crossed the halfway mark. They clearly lacked motivation and, at times, for the Australians it was like taking candy from a child.

The Indonesians did look frail and child-like compared to the virile, assured Aussies, who have seldom turned on such power-packed football.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC

Australia worked smoothly in every department. There were a minimum of mistakes and it was difficult to fault the way they played, even if the opposition was second-rate.

To the locals' credit they did not allow their opponents to drag them down to their own level.

By taking charge straight from the kick-off, and scoring almost at once — in the third minute — they never gave Indonesia a chance to regain their shattered composure.

Every Australian played his part in the huge win.

There were no failures, many first-class individual performances, though it was the team-work which was the really pleasing feature of the victory.

This is how I marked the Australians: Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 5, Wilson 4, Hogg 5, Richards 5, Mackay 5, Baartz 3, Abonyi 5, Alston 3, Buljevic 4 (Tolson 3).

Jim Fraser did the little he had to do expertly and must now rate as Australia's Number One choice in goal, whether Jack Reilly gets back in the squad or not.

Utjesenovic and Hogg, the masters of the overlap, did untold damage in Indonesian ranks, spreading terror whenever they struck.

Australia was the only team in the series whose backs overlapped, taking over the role of wingers.

Peter Wilson was never under any pressure.

He had a tension-free 90 minutes and was superbly backed up by Manfred Schaefer, who was back at his best and far too aggressive and domineering for the dwarf-like Indonesians.

Ray Richards and Jim Mackay were the kings of the midfield, both playing a much more attacking role than usual because of Australia's overwhelming superiority from go to whoa.

Mackay's two goals were brilliantly taken and his deft precision passes created countless attacking moves.

Richards, the best player of the entire tournament, was dreadfully unlucky to twice hit the woodwork.

If anyone deserved a hat-trick it was the dynamic Marconi star, now firmly established as the idol of the Sydney soccer crowd.

Ray Baartz did not have much luck with his shots: he has appeared somewhat jaded throughout the series, but this does not diminish the fact he has worked hard and tirelessly, often in an unglamorous role.

Of the strikers, Attila Abonyi stuck out by the proverbial mile. "Atti" scored two goals, made the first and also hit the upright.

His second half performance against Iraq in Melbourne and inspired effort last Saturday should ensure him a regular right-wing spot in the remainder of the Socceroos' World Cup campaign.

Branko Buljevic played better than in recent outings, was instrumental in the third goal and, generally, justified his criticised selection.

Adrian Alston figured in some clever runs, but failure to part with the ball was his undoing on many occasions while Max Tolson, who came in at halftime, had a hand in two goals.

Hanhara fouled him in the 54th minute to cause the penalty which Abonyi converted, and in the 72nd minute it was big Max's persistency that won him the ball that set up Richards' goal.

The Indonesians, who were completely outclassed, were best served by skipper Udjang and long-haired Asmara.

The Japanese referee, Masatoshi Nagashima, was excellent, like all the referees throughout the series.

FOOTNOTE— After the World Cup series, Australia's international record reads: Played 110, Won 56, Drew 19, Lost 35, Goals scored 258, Goals conceded 190.

TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

PASLA (Indonesia)
UTJESENOVIC (Aust.)
HOGG (Australia)
ABID KADUM (Iraq)
WILSON (Australia)
RICHARDS (Australia)
MACKAY (Australia)
RASHID (Iraq)
HATTEM (Iraq)
ISWADI (Indonesia)
ABDUL KADIR (Indo.)
Player of the Tournament:
RAY RICHARDS (Aust.)

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA d. INDONESIA 6-0 (3-0)

Australia: Jim Fraser, Doug Utjesenovic, Manfred Schaefer, Peter Wilson, Bobby Hogg, Ray Richards, Jim Mackay, Ray Baartz, Attila Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Branko Buljevic (Max Tolson, second half).

Indonesia: Ronny Pasla (replaced by Judo Hadianto 24 min.), Sunarto, Anwar Udjang, Rachman Halim, Widodo (Hanhara, second half), Andjas Asmara, Suaeb Rizal, Sarman Panggabean, Waskito, Jacob Sihasale, Max Timisela.

Scorers: Jim Mackay 3 and 40 mins., Attila Abonyi 23 and 54 min., Ray Richards 72 min., Ray Baartz 78 min. for Australia.

Referee: Masatoshi Nagashima (Japan).

Linesmen: G. Suppiah (Singapore), Dau Van Dzu (South Vietnam).

Crowd: 12,390 at Sydney Sportsground.

Match highlights

1 min.: Halim takes the ball in the midfield, advances and sends a high lob to Rizal who quickly square passes it to Waskito, whose shot is wide to the right of Fraser.

3 min.: Utjesenovic sends Abonyi racing on the right. "Atti" rounds off two defenders before crossing to Mackay in the goalmouth. From close range, Mackay's right footed shot smashes its way past goalkeeper Ronny Pasla in the lower left hand corner of the net. 1-0.

5 min.: Halim wins the ball in the centre, crosses to Udjang on the right, who quickly passes across field to Panggabean, but his attempt at goal is well wide of the mark.

8 min.: Abonyi crosses the ball to Hogg near the penalty area, who lobs it to Alston ahead of him. Alston leaps high to head the ball towards an empty net, but Halim heads safely towards the goalkeeper.

10 min.: Richards is fouled by Rizal. He takes the freekick himself but his hard shot hits Halim for the first corner of the match.

12 min.: Utjesenovic, on the right, to Abonyi on the wing, who crosses to Baartz, who sends a hard shot across the goalmouth without connecting and the ball crosses the line.

16 min.: A long throw by Richards lands straight into the goalkeeper's waiting hands, but his clearance goes to Utjesenovic who passes to Mackay, who sends Buljevic through, but Pasla gets to the ball first.

18 min.: Alston splits the Indonesian defence with a cross to Buljevic on the left. Branko sends a perfect cross over to Abonyi who, with a leaping header, forces Pasla to make a superb save into corner.

23 min.: Pasla throws the ball lightly to Halim, Abonyi intercepts, wins the ball, runs a few metres and steers it past the advancing Pasla into the left hand corner of the net. 2-0.

25 min.: Good interchange of passes between Utjesenovic, Abonyi, Alston and back to Abonyi for the latter to shoot wide.

32 min.: A brilliant forward move by Alston, Baartz and Buljevic gives Baartz the opportunity to shoot on target, but replacement goalkeeper Hadianto brings off a good save.

38 min.: Abonyi dribbles past a defender on the wing but his shot goes over the bar.

40 min.: Buljevic takes on three defenders, dribbles past them, passes to Mackay, who beats the fully outstretched Hadianto with a sizzling shot for his second goal. 3-0.

45 min.: Indonesia break through on the right, Rizal crosses into the goalmouth where Fraser lunges for the ball, misses it, but with Waskito converging, Richards nips in to clear a dangerous situation.

SECOND HALF

46 min.: Richards breaks through the middle for a 40-metre shot that forces Hadianto to save well.

50 min.: Tolson crosses to Abonyi, who sends in a scorching shot which hits the right hand post and rebounds into play to be cleared.

52 min.: Tolson breaks through, sends a pass to Alston who lets the ball through his legs for Baartz to shoot had, but off-target.

54 min.: Hanhara brings Tolson down in a tackle for a penalty. Abonyi makes no mistake with a swerving spot kick. 4-0.

55 min.: Halim advances with the ball, passes to Rizal, but Schaefer puts his foot first trying to clear, then hits the ball backwards instead, for Halim to head towards Waskito, whose shot is wide.

61 min.: Indonesia break away and after an interchange of passing Waskito crosses into the middle for Sihasale to head at full pelt but Fraser brings off a good save.

65 min.: A long throw-in by Richards into the goalmouth but Tolson is ruled offside. From the goalkick Mackay takes possession, passes the ball to Baartz who sends a shot in, but Hadianto saves.

69 min.: Utjesenovic crosses to Alston who leaps high for a brilliant header which is saved acrobatically by Hadianto.

70 min.: Richards ventures into the attack, gets a pass from Alston and lets fly with a scorcher that hits the crossbar.

73 min.: Tolson wins the ball from Sumarto, flicks it to Richards, right in front, who has all the time in the world to pick his shot and score. 5-0.

75 min.: Richards hits the post with a tremendous first-time drive.

78 min.: Hogg sends the ball into the goalmouth, Udjang heads it out to the onrushing Baartz, who hits the ball with terrific force to score. 6-0.

85 min.: Abonyi crosses to Alston, who passes to Baartz, who shoots goalwards, the ball hitting Halim on its way into the net, but the referee disallows the "goal" for a foul.

— CHARLES SPITERI

THE SCORECARD

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Offside	2	4	6	1	1	2
Corners	4	2	6	0	1	1
Penalties	0	1	1	0	0	0

— Einar Persen

WORLD CUP SCORERS

HATTEM (Iraq)	5
ALSTON (Australia)	3
ABONYI (Australia)	2
ALI KADIM (Iraq)	2
BAARTZ (Australia)	2
CAMPBELL (Australia)	2
ISWADI (Indonesia)	2
MACKAY (Australia)	2
PANGGABEAN (Indonesia)	2
RICHARDS (Australia)	2
VEST (New Zealand)	2
ASMARA (Indonesia)	1
AZIZ (Iraq)	1
BULJEVIC (Australia)	1
NURI (Iraq)	1
RASHID (Iraq)	1
SALAH UBID (Iraq)	1
TINDALL (New Zealand)	1
TURNER (New Zealand)	1
UTJESENOVIC (Australia)	1
HOGG (Australia)	own goal
TILLOTSON (NZ)	own goal

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Sutherland

0 (0)

Marconi

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

WESTS

2 (1)

Smythe 33 min., Ainslie 89 min.

A.P.I.A

1 (0)

Deller 74 min.

St. George

0 (0)

Safeway

1 (0)

Gleeson 68 min.

Croatia

1 (0)

D. Smith 87 min.

Hakoah

2 (0)

Morrow 55 min., Fletcher 75 min.

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

Auburn

2 (2)

Rogers 8 and 17 mins.

Granville

1 (1)

Frazer 38 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Maher 4, Perry 4, Wykes 3, Bennett 3, Darvill 4, Trail 3 (McKnight 68 min.), D. Mackay 4, Lavin 4, G. Clarke 2 (Woods 2), P. Smith 3, Cockburn 3.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Murray 4, Roche 2, Moschen 4, Kinnell 4, Robertson 4, **Richards 5,** Burns 3, Campbell 3, Brajkovic 3, Tolson 2, Griffiths 2.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Meir 3, Fieldhouse 3, Palmer 4, Barr 4, Bell 3, Culledon 3, Muniz 3, Magill 2, Harding 3, Izatt 4, Barbouttis 3 (replaced Cairns 40 min.).

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Eaton 4, **Curran 5,** Guildea 3, Edmunds 3, Hargreaves 3, Ainslie 3, Smythe 4, Lindsay (sent off 15 min.), Jack 3 (McCallum 85 min.), Turner 4, O'Callaghan 4 (Davidson 70 min.).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: M. Laing.**

McQuire 5, Keith 4, Callaghan 3, M. Clarke 3, McGhee 4, Russell 3, Blues 4, Cudek 3 (Pollard 64 min.), Deller 3, Rooney 4, T. Butler 4.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Fraser 4, G. Harris 3, Juhasz 4, Grosse 3, Williams 3, Hamilton 4, Denton 4, Abonyi 4 (replaced B. Harris, 3, halftime), Warren 3 (Hogg 68 min.), Stoddart 3, Treasure 4.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Glover 4, Roberts 4, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Tuckerman 4, Allison (sent off 63 min.), Fryer 3, Goodfellow 2, McKinnon 3, Alston 3 (Piggott 47 min., 3), Thompson 3.

TOTAL: 34. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Corry 4, Nixon 3, Yaager 3, M. Harris 3, Wignall 3, **Susa 5,** Danajevits 3, Doyle 3, D. Smith 3, Vojtek 4, Babic 4.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: L. Scheinflug.**

Nuttridge 4, Fekete 3, Bibby 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, J. Mackay 4, Rutherford 3, Baartz 3 (Walsh 69 min.), Fletcher 4, De Milo 3, Silva 3 (Morrow 45 min. 4).

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Tuinman 3, Harcombe 4, Boskovski 4, Velkovski 4, Blacker 3, Trkulja 3, J. Alagich 3, Mihajlevic 4, Serdarevic 3 (Ille 70 min.), Takac 4, Waters 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

R. Taylor 3, Lawson 3, Stewart 4, Malone 3, Menzies 4, Hucker 3, Spilarewicz 4 (Sidey 86 min.), Barnes 3, McDonald 3, Rogers 4, Tracey 4.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

B. Taylor 4, Van Blerk 3, Raeburn 4, T. Edwards 4, Bijkerk 3, O'Maye 3 (O'Neil 88 min.), Gardiner 4, Wilson 2, Hann 2 (Lee 68 min.), Frazer 4, Vrolyks 2.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A draw was not too unfair a result though Marconi's scoring chances were more glaring. Marconi were also unlucky not to get a penalty when Burns was definitely tripped in the 51st minute under the benevolent eye of referee Peter Rampley. Campbell and Tolson each hit the woodwork and Richards, the best player on the field, missed a great chance to score the winning goal just on fulltime. Full marks, however, to the gallant Sutherland, who played with more method than last year. Sutherland exploited the speed and finesse of Scottish newcomer Derek Mackay, who was always dangerous when in possession, to create big gaps in a Marconi defence where George Kinnell fitted in well. Sutherland started in great style, pinning Marconi in their half of the field for the first 25 minutes, but they couldn't quite keep up the pressure.

Crowd: 1,621. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Lou Gautier

Wests threw off the setback of losing Lindsay after 15 minutes after a brush with Muniz and deserved their win against the immature, unimaginative Pan Hellenic. They were always a bit more constructive in front than Hellenic whose sole forward of any note was Jim Izatt. Pan Hellenic were at a loss to exploit their extra man. Their defence was often in a tangle against Wests' two spearheads, David Jack and Brian Turner. The first goal was a bad mistake by goalkeeper Gary Meir who dropped the ball on to Smythe's foot under no pressure at all. Ainslie's goal, in the last minute, was a typical left-foot blockbuster.

Crowd: 1,520. **Referee: B. Wilkinson.**

— Lincoln Walters

APIA had the greater share of the ball in an uneventful first half during which both sides tried unsuccessfully to probe their weaknesses. St. George, having fielded four reserves in the first half, reinforced their side in the second half with Abonyi and Hogg, but the excellent goalkeeping of Dave McQuire denied them even one goal. APIA's match-winning effort came from a beautiful throughball by Rooney which caught the St. George defence napping and put Deller in a position to score an unstoppable low drive in the corner of the net. Mike Johnson raised a few eyebrows when he took John Warren off in the 68th minute. Warren wasn't all that bad to warrant such drastic action. St. George may also have paid the penalty for resting World Cup stars Utjesenovic and Schaefer, but full marks to APIA for once again upsetting the Saints' applecart.

Crowd: 2,041. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Frank Jordan

A dull and uninspiring opening of the 1973 league season at Woonona for the disappointingly small crowd. Both teams should be well satisfied with the result. There was very little between the sides and the two goalies had a relatively easy afternoon as play was mainly bogged down in the midfield. Defences were well on top throughout. Their task was made easy by the complete lack of imagination shown by both sets of forwards. Billy Vojtek, in his Woonona debut, worked hard but received scant support, while at the other end young Goodfellow missed three absolute "sitters." Neither team looked quite fit and there's plenty of work ahead for the respective coaches.

Crowd: 2,582. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Peter Schumacher

Yugal-Prague busied themselves trying to make openings in the first session, but Geoff Harcombe was one of the few in the team that realised that you must go forward to score. Then Hakoah's Adahilton Silva was unlucky enough to receive a painful kick a few centimetres above the right ankle, and replacement Tom Morrow went on the prowl. He made short work of an incisive pass from Jim Mackay, which "Jack" Trkulja missed on the way through as he tripped himself. Then Morrow opened up Yugal's thin defence to give Joe Fletcher a ball that just had to go in. So a too tight, fussy Hakoah came good in the second half, with Yugal continuing to forget the location of the goal. For Yugal, defender Nick Boskovski had a good match, containing Willie Rutherford almost every time the speedster tried to move.

Crowd: 2,843. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Keith Gilmour

Auburn thoroughly deserved to take both points but they made hard work of beating Granville, who played much better than in the Ampol Cup. The tangerines were surprisingly sluggish, with the normal cohesion between attack and defence working only in the first 20 minutes of the game. The inclusion of Tony Edwards in the Granville defence has closed up an important gap but the team lacked punch up front. Wingers Andy Tracey and Chris Spilarewicz outpaced the much slower Granville in the first half, allowing Auburn to capitalise with two great headers by Bill Rogers which finished in the net. Ray Gardiner was easily the best player for Granville. He schemed most of Granville's attacks and engineered Bill Frazer's goal, which was the best of the match.

Crowd: 1,150. **Referee: T. Faraone.**

— Charles Spiteri

AMPOL SEMIS

St. George-Budapest and Hakoah are tipped to win their way through to the Ampol Cup final, which will be played at the Sportsground next Wednesday night.

In tonight's semis, we take Hakoah to beat Auburn in the early game and Saints to down Yugal-Prague.

Both matches, however, will be very close and anything, really, could happen in the 70 minutes.

Only the final and play-off for third place will be of 90 minutes duration.

BOOST

The return of Ray Baartz and Jim Mackay will strengthen Hakoah against Auburn, provided the two internationals are not too jaded.

Auburn will also be boosted by the return of John McDonald. One of the form sides of the series, Auburn cannot be taken cheaply.

Hakoah's "new-look" XI will have to play very near their top to win through to the final.

CHOICE

St. George coach Mike Johnson still has the difficult choice of whom to drop from his first team.

Saints have such an abundance of talent, they could almost field two teams of equal strength.

Yugal-Prague, as always, will have skill and class on their side.

If they can impose their pace on their opponents, it may be hard for St. George to regain the initiative.

TEAMS

Likely teams:

Hakoah: Nuttridge, Fekete, Bibby, Watkiss, Marnoch, Mackay, Rutherford, Keddie, Fletcher, Baartz, Morrow.

Auburn: R. Taylor, Lawson, Stewart, Malone, Hucker, Menzies, Spilarewicz, Barnes, McDonald, Rogers, J. Butler.

St. George: Fraser, G. Harris, Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Williams, Hamilton, Abonyi, Hogg, Warren, Denton, Treasure.

Yugal-Prague: Tuinman, Harcombe, Boskovski, Trkulja, Blacker, Velkovski, J. Alagich, Mihajlevic, Serdarevic, Waters, Ille.

Tim Davies will referee Hakoah v. Auburn and A. Boskovic is in charge of St. George v. Yugal-Prague.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second & Third Grades)

Pan Hellenic v. Wests	0-2	0-2
APIA v. St. George	2-0	5-2
Granville v. Auburn	2-0	2-2
Sutherland v. Marconi	1-2	2-0
Safeway v. Croatia	1-3	1-0
Hakoah v. Yugal	4-0	2-1

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	1	—	—	4	0	2
APIA	1	—	—	2	0	2
Granville	1	—	—	2	0	2
Croatia	1	—	—	3	1	2
Wests	1	—	—	2	0	2
Marconi	1	—	—	2	1	2
Sutherland	—	—	1	1	2	—
Pan Hellenic	—	—	1	0	2	—
Safeway	—	—	1	1	3	—
Auburn	—	—	1	0	2	—
St. George	—	—	1	0	2	—
Yugal-Prague	—	—	1	0	4	—

FIRST DIVISION

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	1	—	—	5	2	2
Sutherland	1	—	—	2	0	2
Wests	1	—	—	2	0	2
Hakoah	1	—	—	2	1	2
Safeway	1	—	—	1	0	2
Auburn	—	1	—	2	2	1
Granville	—	1	—	2	2	1
Croatia	—	—	1	0	1	—
Yugal-Prague	—	—	1	1	2	—
Pan Hellenic	—	—	1	0	2	—
Marconi	—	—	1	0	2	—
St. George	—	—	1	2	5	—

LEADING SCORERS

ROGERS (Auburn)	**2**
AINSLIE (Wests)	1
DELLER (APIA)	1
FLETCHER (Hakoah)	1
G. FRAZER (Granville)	1
GLEESEON (Safeway)	1
MORROW (Hakoah)	1
D. SMITH (Croatia)	1
SMYTHE (Wests)	1

Sydney Second Division kicks off this weekend

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Canterbury, Manly and perhaps Balgownie — these are the teams that will fight it out for the championship and promotion at the end of the 1973 season.

The new competition, which kicks-off this Saturday, seems somewhat weaker than in previous years as very little new blood has been injected in the teams.

Although I expect the Berries to be successful where they failed by one point last season, I don't think they will run away with the title.

This is how I see the outlook in Division Two this year:

CANTERBURY

Under former West Australian coach Doug Stewart, Canterbury have been quietly rebuilding a side worthy of winning the premiership.

Although they signed Ross Brown, from Belmore, and Gary Paterson, from Sutherland — two forwards of considerable talent — the Berries have concentrated on their own young talent.

With Ray Pocock in true form, the Brown brothers as impressive as ever, schemers Joe Whitehead and Bob Hardy at last nicely settled down, the Berries will be one of the hardest teams to toss this season.

MANLY

Club champions in 1972, Manly are bulging with talent, to the extent that it is quite a problem to pick up a permanent first grade squad.

Essentially a district team, Manly have recruited several new players to offset a couple of losses from last year's team that finished in fourth place.

The club will play its first full season at Inman Park, Dee Why, in the heart of the Warringah district.

MELITA EAGLES

After selling Tony Edwards, the last of their First Division "stars," Melita Eagles are hoping to rebuild a new team from scratch.

With goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski back from his trials with Chelsea, the signing of Bob Dougan from Yugal-Prague and the imminent signing of Colin McAusland from Hakoah, the Eagles should have a fairly strong side but hardly championship material.

BALGOWNIE

Another purely district club, Balgownie will more than ever rely on local talent, blended with a few "older" players with English football experience.

Traditionally a strong Second Division side, Balgownie would be staking for the championship, but how strong that challenge will be depends heavily on how much the youngsters have matured since last season.

POLONIA

The seven new Polish players promised for this season's competition have so far failed to arrive, but are still expected to come at some later date.

How many of them will eventually get here, and how good they will turn out to be is in the lap of the gods.

However, this element of doubt still gives some hope of Polonia emerging as championship contenders.

BANKSTOWN

Having been "robbed" of its best players in the last couple of years, the "Towns" are trying to re-organise themselves to produce more talent to the surface.

The task is not an easy one but, perhaps, coach Peter Wood is the man to unearth the talent and blend it into a successful side.

The district has produced some good footballers over the years, which has ensured that Bankstown always fields a reasonable side.

This year should not be an exception.

GUILDFORD

Without Graham Hann, who scored 17 goals for them last season, Guildford will be battling, but the club is having a hard look at its long string of juniors, who will be given every chance to come good in 1973.

There will be few new faces in the side, but Guildford could still hold its own and score a few upsets.

NS-INTER

Now the only Second Division team to represent the North Shore, North Sydney-Inter might benefit through the misfortunes of their neighbors, Ku-ring-gai.

The club might find it easier to fill their grade teams.

Concentrating more on experience than youth, Norths are not always an easy team to beat.

CORINTHIANS

Despite the publicity — Nobby Stiles and all — the merger between Corinthians and Hawks United has not taken place yet.

Coach Billy Yates has put together a side under the most difficult conditions, but once it settles down, it will win its fair share of matches, without setting the world on fire though.

Competition soccer will be played for the first time at the Coaching Academy ground, at Parklea, as all home games of Corinthians-BESC will be played there.

NORTHERN DISTS.

The appointment of coach Joe Vlasits will bring a refreshing new approach to Norths' game, but the club will have to battle to keep its head above water.

It needs good players to plug the gap Zeman left behind in defence, and the result of good coaching may only be beneficial in the long term.

ROSEBERY RHODES

Coached by former APIA and Western Suburbs star, Archie Blue, Rosebery will have to find more players to reinforce the side which won them the Third Division championship.

It will be an uphill battle all the way in 1973.

ENMORE

The club, who walked into Second Division after a two-match play-off with Ku-ring-gai, may find the going much tougher than expected.

In John Demos, Enmore have a player with First Division experience, but they may need more than that to survive.

THIS WEEKEND

Three games will be played on Saturday with competition favorites, Canterbury, taking on newcomers Rosebery at Arlington Oval.

Canterbury should win comfortably, as should Melita against Polonia and Bankstown against Enmore.

On Sunday, Balgownie should beat Northern Districts and we also take Guildford to win against North Sydney and Manly to toss Corinthians.

THIRD DIVISION

Ku-ring-gai planning a come-back

The big question mark for Third Division is whether Ku-ring-gai, demoted from the Second Division, have the power to work their way back in one year.

Last Sunday they clipped Second Division Manly-Warringah's wings, winning to the tune of 3-2 at Inman Reserve, after being two up at halftime.

They had a 1-0 win over Corinthians to their credit also, but lost to West Sutherland.

Mick Cairns' ankle injury could keep him sidelined for six weeks, but if a good striker comes to light the team could be up top over the year.

Trojans

Newly promoted Riverside Rapid have been working like Trojans under Walter Tamandl, so watch them for upsets.

Belmore in the past have been everyone's headache, without reaching the pinnacle, and this again could be their fate.

Arncliffe Scots, who have never previously impressed in trials, went well this year, playing various teams including St. George and Pan Hellenic reserves, but dodging the Third Division sides.

Secretary Terry Byrne has high hopes based on the displays to date, and Saturday's first round run against Belmore could be a pointer for the year.

West Sutherland's trip to Campbelltown will be an interesting one, this week and an outsider to watch is University of NSW.

This weekend's opening round draw:

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Belmore — Steel Park; Marrickville v. Warringah — Mackey Park.

Sunday: Campbelltown v. West Sutherland — Campbelltown Showground; Concordia v. Riverside Rapid — Mahony Oval; Revesby Workers v. Wenty — Milperra Reserve; Ku-ring-gai v. NSW Uni. — Acron Oval.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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INTER-SUBURBAN SCENE

ZEMAN IS WEST RYDE'S BIG HOPE THIS SEASON

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Inter-Suburban First Division will provide an excellent competition with West Ryde Rovers, led by former World Cup defender David Zeman, as early favorite.

A 2-0 loss to Toongabbie last Sunday provided a setback, but the lapse may be temporary.

Zeman has infused a previously-lacking discipline into the team.

Apart from him, Nick Zissus could be a worthwhile gain up front.

The stalwarts, big Phil Wilcox as a striker and 34-year-old Maurie Smith in the midfield, are sure to give full value.

The superior style of Chelsea, Bondi Marines and Queens Park will surely place them near the top, with Greenwich and Nepean as outsiders with a chance to rise.

Chelsea's worries

Chelsea has lost John Entwhistle, prematurely retired because of family commitments.

Having done so well in the State Cup last year they are most concerned that the competition may not be run for 1973.

Billy Todd, now at Mt. Isa, is another loss, but he may just turn up as the season gets under way.

In trials Chelsea recorded wins over West Sutherland and Wenty, a draw with Warringah, and a loss to under-rated Revesby.

Toongabbie could be this year's Second Division winner.

Joe Kane, who handled the reserves at St. George for both Frank Arok and Rale Rasic, is the new coach.

Last week the side recorded wins over Guildford (4-2) and West Ryde (2-0).

Toongabbie upset

Club president Peter Thorne believes that, were it not for the rule which insists that Inter-Suburban clubs can use no more than four permit players, Toongabbie would be of Federation Second Division standard already.

With the Parkhouse brothers officially permit players although they were local products, two of the four permit positions go to local players, a situation which unhappily penalises a progressive club.

This weekend's first round inter-suburban draw:

Saturday: Gladesville Ravens v. West Ryde — Peel Park; Greenwich v. Blacktown Spartan — Gore Creek Reserve; Toongabbie v. Macquarie University — Girraween Park; South Sydney v. Sydney University Booralee Park; Dee Why v. Artarmon — Dee Why Oval; Lethbridge v. Fairfield-Kiev — Jersey Road; Blacktown Spurs v. North Ryde — Marayong Oval.

Sunday: Chelsea v. Yagoona — Moore Park; North Bankstown v. Queens Park — George Green Oval; Nepean v. Bondi — Cook Park; Arncliffe RSL v. Lane Cove — Arncliffe Park; Eastwood v. Maroubra — Eastwood Park; Riverstone v. Auburn Juniors — Schofields Park; Kogarah v. Eastwood — Carss Park No. 4; Revesby Rovers v. Baulkham Hills — Amour Park; Canley Heights v. Holroyd — King Park; Padstow Park v. Thornleigh — Soccer Centre.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Opening State League fixtures this weekend are:

- Saturday, March 31: Hakoah v. Alexander, Box Hill v. Wilhelmina, Slavia v. Austria.
- Sunday, April 1: JUST v. Polonia, SM-Hellas v. Melbourne, Juventus v. George Cross.

—o—

Melbourne last Friday won the Victorian Ampol Cup. In the final they beat Wilhelmina 3-2 after 30 minutes of extra-time.

—o—

Ken McDonald, the former Raith Rovers and South Sydney Croatia defender who joined Melbourne early last year and was a first team regular until they played APIA in the interstate series in Sydney, is back in Melbourne after an extended holiday in Scotland. Melbourne, however, have decided there will be no reconciliation and have agreed to place this first-class defender on the open-to-transfer list.

—o—

Former State League side, Preston Makedonia, now in the Metro Second Division and coached by Bobby McLachlan, are angling for three well-known players who are on the transfer list. The trio are Ivan Ivanoff, their former goalkeeper, winger Robin Hayward, formerly on the books of Coventry City, and centre-forward Ian Reid, ex-Slavia, who has been with Altona City for some time. Competition by other clubs and fancy prices may thwart Makedonia's hopes of getting any of the players.

—o—

The teenage Sabidussi brothers of Juventus, who have been in Portugal for some time for trials and coaching, are reported to be returning to Australia soon.

—o—

Norm Davie, the Melbourne forward who broke his leg a couple of years ago, is making a bid to get back into the game after a long lay-off. Davie, who is still a registered player of Melbourne, has recently had training stints with both Juventus and George Cross and is happy at the progress he has made so far.

—o—

Bob Dobbing, the Melbourne and Victorian defender who twice broke his leg in a short space of time late in 1971 and early 1972 and who returned to England last year for a holiday with his wife and family, is fully fit again and Melbourne expect him back in the near future.

—o—

George Cross are pinning their hopes on the early arrival of their latest capture, Joe Wilson, an experienced defender, who played with Workington, then transferred to Notts Forest before going back to Workington.

—o—

Progressive First Division side Mooroolbark United, who have a number of former State League players in their ranks, hope for big things from their new Danish goalkeeper, Jan Petersen, who joined them three months ago. Petersen played in First Division soccer back in Denmark.

—o—

Bill Curran, the Under-16 State coach whose side won the national title last year, has been forced to start from almost scratch for this year's championships in Brisbane in August-September. Only 'keeper Peter Lauments, of last year's team, is eligible, but Bill assures me he is confident of moulding a good side together before they head for Queensland in a bid to retain the title.

—o—

Harry Sutherland, one of the best defenders Hakoah have ever had and who gave them and Victoria great service in the fifties, has returned to the club to take over as team-manager. For the past few years, Harry has been coach to Altona City, with whom he played a leading role in establishing the Western Suburbs as one of the strongest and best in the Metropolitan First Division.

—o—

John McDaid, the former George Cross and Melbourne defender, will stiffen the Box Hill defence, but their two recent arrivals from the Scottish junior clubs — Bob McCance and John Murray — have still to prove themselves. But coach Archie Campbell and the Hillmen appear to have made a capture in the signing of yet another Scot, Jim Wylie, whom they secured from Metro side Croydon, and who impressed with his skills and talent in the game against Polonia.

— JIM COOK

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Yugal-Prague

1 (1)

Roberts (own goal) 3 min.

Safeway

1 (0)

Burnett 88 min.

A.P.I.A

1 (1)

Russell 19 min.

Marconi

3 (2)

Tolson 25 and 57 (penalty) mins., Byrne 40 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

O'Connor 40 min., Harding 46 min. (penalty).

Auburn

4 (3)

Lawson 20 min., Rogers 32 min., Sidey 39 min., J. Butler 52 min.

WESTS

1 (0)

Ainslie 65 min. (penalty).

St. George

5 (2)

Hogg 31 min., Warren 45, 85 and 88 mins., Denton 80 min.

Granville

1 (0)

Spilarewicz 78 min.

Croatia

1 (1)

Vojtek 23 min.

Sutherland

0 (0)

Hakoah

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Tuinman 3, Harcombe 3, Boskovski 4, Takac 4, Rudic 4, Velkovski 4, Alagich 3, Mihajlovic (sent off 89 min.), Serdarevic 3, Waters 3, Ile 4 (Rootsey 52 min.).

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

Match rating: ✽ ✽ ✽

Glover 3, Roberts 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Tuckerman (sent off 89 min.), Walker 4, Goodfellow 3 (Stewart 3), Allison 3, McKinnon 3, Alston 3, Burnett 3.

TOTAL: 33. **Coach: J. Harris.**

McQuire 3, Keith 4, Callaghan 3, M. Clarke 4, McGhee 3, McMillan 3 (Cudek 78 min.), Blues 4, Russell 3, Deller 3, Rooney 4, T. Butler 3.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✽ ✽ ✽ ✽

Murray 3 (Rorke 88 min.), Robertson 3, Moschen 4, Kinnell 4, Byrne 3, **Richards 5**, Brajkovic 3, **Campbell 5** (Griffiths 87 min.), Tolson 4, Carrizo 4, Burns 3.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Meir 2 (Maglis 57 min.), Barr 4, Izatt 4, Barbouttis 4, Bell 4, Culledon 4, Muniz 4, Blanco 4, **Harding 5**, Magill 3 (Cairns 81 min.), O'Connor 3.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Match rating: ✽ ✽ ✽ ✽

R. Taylor 4, Lawson 4, Stewart 4, Malone 4, McMillan 3, Hucker 4, Sidey 3, Barnes 3, Menzies 4, **Rogers 5**, J. Butler 3.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

Eaton 2, Curran 3, Hargreaves 3, Bacon 3, Gray 2, Ainslie 3, Byles 3 (Callaghan 64 min.), Moors 3, Guildea 4, T. Smith 2, Turner 2.

TOTAL: 30. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Match rating: ✽ ✽

Fraser 4, G. Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 4, Williams 3, Hogg 3, Herron 2, Abonyi 2, **Warren 5**, Hamilton 3, Treasure (Denton 22 min. 3).

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

B. Taylor 3, Van Blerk 3, Brown 3, T. Edwards 4, Bijkerk 3, R. Wilson 3, Gardiner 4 (Di Santi 74 min.), O'Maye 4, Spilarewicz 4, Frazer 4, Vrolyks 3 (Hann 65 min.).

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

Match rating: ✽ ✽ ✽ ✽

Corry 3, Nixon 4 (replaced Kenny 16 min.), Yaager 3, Babic 3, Wignall 4, **Susa 5**, Danajevits 3, Doyle 3, D. Smith 4, M. Harris 4, Vojtek 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: L. Scheinflug.**

Maher 4, S. Perry 4, Wykes 3, P. Smith 4, Bennett 3, Darvill 3, G. Clarke 2, Trail 3, McKay 4, Lavin 4, Jordan 3 (replaced Cockburn 20 min., then replaced himself by R. Perry 76 min.).

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: ✽ ✽ ✽

Coe 4, Walsh 4, Bibby 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3 (Brown 60 min.), Lynch 3, Fletcher 3, Morrow (Keddie, second half, 3), De Melo 4, McNamee 3.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Yugal-Prague foolishly dropped a point by losing concentration two minutes from the end to allow Gerry Burnett to equalise with a header from a glorious 50-metre pass by Peter Wilson. Until then the visitors did little to suggest they would return home with a point. Yugal were clearly the better team but only have themselves to blame for not winning. They should have wrapped the game up in the first 30 minutes when they all but ran United off their feet with clever pattern football. It was all Yugal after Geraint Roberts put through his own goal in the third minute, but they dilly and dallied, playing to the crowd, instead of pressing home their advantage. Safeway, who did regain some composure in the second half, never gave up and were rewarded for their efforts with the totally unexpected shock equaliser.

Crowd: 1,176. **Referee: B. Wilkinson.**

— Lou Gautier

A torrid match that proved two main points: (1) Marconi are back to their top line form that will pull big crowds back to Marconi Oval; (2) APIA is in desperate need of more striking power. APIA looked the goods for the first 20 minutes, but from then on Marconi's relentless pressure and midfield control held sway. Ernie Campbell was in devastating form in the first session, outfoxing APIA defenders and centring a dipping ball that poker-faced Max Tolson tucked low in the corner for his first goal. Teenage star Gary Byrne played soundly, coming up to goal from close range in the 40th minute. The free-kicks from Marconi's Ray Richards and George Kinnell were a revelation in intelligent placement. APIA made themselves three good opportunities in the second half but each was wasted.

Crowd: 3,241. **Referee: T. Faraone.**

— Keith Gilmour

Pan Hellenic only have themselves to blame for not winning one of the season's fastest and most exciting matches. Auburn, however, dominated the first half. Though they had less scoring chances, they utilised them better — with a little help from young Pan Hellenic goalie Meir — to build up a commanding 3-0 lead. Full marks to Pan Hellenic who came back fighting to bridge the gap to 3-2 but they earn no bouquets for squandering so many chances in the second half. Pan Hellenic all but ran the tiring Auburn, who fielded a weakened, reshuffled team, off their feet in the second period, but unnecessary passes in front of goal and unbelievably bad shooting cost them at least a draw. To put paid to Hellenic's chances another blunder by their hapless goalkeeper presented the fourth goal to Auburn, whose opportunism and intelligent tactics were impressive and deadly effective.

Crowd: 2,569. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Frank Jordan

The big scoreline doesn't tell the full story behind this mediocre encounter which the Saints wrapped up only in the last 10 minutes. Wests gambled and lost by fielding their three new British imports a day after their arrival; all seemed to be in a daze. St. George were disjointed until near the end when Warren, abandoning his tactical straitjacket, simply exploded with his best display for over two years. An astonishing number of bad passes, aimless clearances and naive attacking moves for 80 minutes provided little entertainment or excitement. That the Saints could still win by this wide margin should be a good enough reason for Wests to hold a quick inquiry into their future.

Crowd: 1,040. **Referee: K. Lockrey.**

— Mike Renwick

A valuable point for Granville, and their first of the season, in a game full of action, thrills, spills and plenty of excitement — and a fair result. Technically, Croatia were definitely the better side. They dominated most of the game, but could not maintain the grip they had on proceedings because of poor shooting. Mirko Susa and Mike Harris did a good job in the midfield, keeping a constant stream of passes flowing up front, only to be wasted by their inaccurate forwards. Granville showed little method in their play early and without Raeburn and Biglands the defence was rather shaky. But, at least, there was some improvement in attack where Spilarewicz, Frazer and Vrolyks combined well whenever in possession.

Crowd: 1,225. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Charles Spiteri

Sutherland came close to scoring a win against the Ampol Cup winners, whose reshuffled team never got going. Sutherland were well on top after an even first half. The few well executed moves in the match were theirs and in fullback Steve Perry and striker Derek McKay they had the best men on the field. Hakoah, already without Ray Baartz, were further in trouble when ace striker, Tom Morrow, left the field at halftime, but Sutherland were also hit by the 20th minute injury to Keith Cockburn. Sutherland looked safe in defence, but their attack again failed to show any flair in front of goal. With just a touch of extra dash and daring they could have beaten a jaded Hakoah.

Crowd: 2,016. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Lou Gautier

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	3	—	—	9	3	6
Hakoah	2	1	—	9	0	5
APIA	2	1	—	7	2	5
Marconi	2	—	1	9	5	4
Pan Hellenic	1	1	1	5	6	3
Yugal-Prague	1	1	1	3	6	3
Wests	1	—	2	3	3	2
Auburn	—	2	1	4	6	2
St. George	1	—	2	3	5	2
Granville	1	—	2	3	9	2
Sutherland	—	1	2	2	5	1
Safeway	—	1	2	3	10	1

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	—	—	6	0	6
Wests	2	1	—	9	3	5
Granville	2	1	—	6	2	5
Auburn	2	—	1	9	5	4
APIA	1	2	—	7	4	4
Hakoah	2	—	1	4	2	4
Safeway	2	—	1	2	2	4
Pan Hellenic	1	—	2	5	8	2
Marconi	—	1	2	1	5	1
St. George	—	1	2	4	10	1
Croatia	—	—	3	0	6	—
Yugal-Prague	—	—	3	2	8	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	2	—	—	5	0	4
Balgownie	2	—	—	4	0	4
Guildford	2	—	—	5	2	4
Enmore	2	—	—	3	1	4
Melita Eagles	1	—	1	4	2	2
NS-Inter	1	—	1	3	3	2
Manly	1	—	1	3	4	2
Polonia	1	—	1	1	3	2
Bankstown	—	—	2	0	2	—
Corinthians	—	—	2	1	4	—
Nth. Districts	—	—	2	1	5	—
Rosebery	—	—	2	0	4	—

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	2	—	—	10	3	4
Bankstown	2	—	—	7	2	4
NS-Inter	2	—	—	4	0	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	—	10	1	3
Polonia	1	1	—	3	1	3
Nth. Districts	1	1	—	4	3	3
Manly	1	—	1	7	6	2
Guildford	—	1	1	1	3	1
Balgownie	—	—	2	3	5	—
Corinthians	—	—	2	1	6	—
Rosebery	—	—	2	0	7	—
Enmore	—	—	2	1	13	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	2	—	—	7	1	4
Manly	2	—	—	5	0	4
Nth. Districts	2	—	—	7	4	4
Polonia	2	—	—	3	0	4
Guildford	1	—	1	12	3	2
Melita Eagles	1	—	1	4	2	2
Canterbury	1	—	1	3	3	2
Rosebery	1	—	1	3	3	2
Balgownie	—	—	2	3	6	—
Corinthians	—	—	2	0	4	—
Enmore	—	—	2	0	9	—
NS-Inter	—	—	2	0	12	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arncliffe S.	2	—	—	2	0	4
Riverside R.	2	—	—	8	2	4
Revesby W.	2	—	—	8	4	4
Marrickville	1	1	—	7	4	3
Ku-ring-gai	1	—	1	6	3	2
W. Sutherland	1	—	1	3	1	2
Belmore	1	—	1	2	1	2
Concordia	1	—	1	4	4	2
Uni. of NSW	—	1	1	2	7	1
Wenty W.	—	—	2	1	5	—
Warringah	—	—	2	6	11	—
Campbelltown	—	—	2	0	7	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	2	—	—	5	2	4
Chelsea	1	1	—	4	2	3
Arncliffe RSL	1	1	—	4	2	3
Blacktown	1	1	—	4	3	3
West Ryde	1	1	—	5	4	3
Gladesville	1	—	1	9	5	2
Queens Park	1	—	1	3	7	2
Greenwich	—	1	1	4	5	1
Bondi	—	1	1	2	3	1
N. Bankstown	—	1	1	2	3	1
Yagoona	—	1	1	3	5	1
Lane Cove	—	—	2	2	6	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	2	—	—	12	1	4
Maroubra	1	1	—	9	3	3
Riverstone	1	1	—	10	6	3
Sydney Uni.	1	1	—	3	1	3
Artarmon	1	1	—	7	5	3
South Sydney	—	2	—	2	2	2
Auburn Jun.	—	1	1	5	9	1
Eastwood	—	1	1	4	10	1
Dee Why	—	—	2	3	10	—
W. St. George	—	—	1	—	2	—
Macquarie Uni.	—	—	1	—	6	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	2	—	—	15	1	4
Holroyd	2	—	—	8	4	4
Earlwood	1	1	—	5	3	3
Revesby R.	1	—	1	7	6	2
Kogarah	—	2	—	4	4	2
Blacktown	1	—	1	5	6	2
Fairfield	1	—	1	4	5	2
North Ryde	—	1	1	4	5	1
Lethbridge	—	1	1	2	4	1
Canley Hgts.	—	1	1	1	3	1
Baulkham H.	—	1	1	2	5	1
Thornleigh	—	1	1	1	12	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Yugal-Prague v. Safeway	2-2	0-1
Pan Hellenic v. Auburn	3-3	2-6
Wests v. St. George	1-2	2-2
Sutherland v. Hakoah	0-0	1-0
Granville v. Croatia	1-3	2-0
APIA v. Marconi	4-1	1-1

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

Melita v. Enmore	1-2	9-0 4-0
Canterbury v. Manly	3-0	5-3 0-2
Polonia v. C'thians	1-0	2-0 1-0
N. Dists. v. G'ford	1-2	1-1 3-2
Balgownie v. B'town	1-0	1-3 1-2
NS-Inter v. R'bery	2-0	2-0 0-2

LAST WEDNESDAY WEEK

MEMORABLE AMPOL CUP FINAL TO HAKOAH IN EXTRA-TIME

Irish newcomer Tom Morrow scored twice in extra-time to give Hakoah a thrilling 4-2 victory against St. George-Budapest in last week's Ampol Cup final.

One of the most memorable Ampol finals in recent years certainly deserved a larger crowd than the paltry attendance of 2,408 at the Sportsground.

Hakoah and Saints left no doubt they are the best teams in Sydney, even if St. George are finding it hard to get back on the winning list these days.

Saints also played their part in making this a match to remember.

In fact, they appeared certain to retain their trophy when they led until two minutes from the end.

But just as officials were ready to present the cup to Manfred Schaefer, Greg Lynch, a 39th minute replacement for the injured Ray Baartz, latched on to a pass from Jim Mackay to score a sensational equaliser from an "impossible" angle.

Though Hakoah might have been lucky to get back on level terms so late in the piece, a win would have flattered St. George.

Even during the regulation 90 minutes Hakoah looked the better team, playing more deliberate football and making far less mistakes.

FREEKICKS

Saints took the lead after only 14 minutes when a perfectly executed freekick by Utjesenovic popped straight into the net after John Warren had cleverly impeded goalie Nuttridge, who had an unhappy match.

Hakoah had to wait for the 53rd minute to draw level.

From Luis De Melo's freekick the ball went to the unmarked fullback Frank Bibby, who scored with a low angled shot.

Hakoah were well in control after their equaliser, but it was St. George who took the lead against the run of the play when John Warren exploited a mix-up between Bibby and Nuttridge in the 67th minute.

But there was only one team in it in the two extra-time periods of 10 minutes each.

Saints' game fell apart after Morrow made it 3-2 in the 94th minute.

The same Irish striker — a God-send to Hakoah's gaoly attack — scored again nine minutes later when he headed home a great cross by Fletcher, another valuable gain for Hakoah, who have been lucky with their British "imports" this season.

There were several first class individual performances in a match that deserved a far bigger crowd.

For the winners, pride of place goes to Morrow and Lynch, but full marks also to Brazilian De Melo, who is now really starting to come good and who has been most definitely under-rated, and to the "old firm" of John Watkiss, Allan Marnoch and Danny Walsh.

Saints need not feel too dejected.

Their performance last week would have been good enough to beat most other teams.

Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Hogg and John Warren were excellent.

Hakoah: Nuttridge 3, Walsh 4, Bibby 3, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, Silva 3 (replaced Rutherford, 2, half-time), Fletcher 4, Morrow 4, De Melo 4, Lynch 4 (replaced Baartz 39 min.).

St. George-Budapest: Fraser 3, G. Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 4, Hogg 4, Stoddart 3, N. Morgan 2 (Herron 2), Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Hamilton 3 (Denton 95 min.), Treasure 3.

Auburn's Les Hucker is the meat in this Pan Hellenic sandwich last Sunday, but the ball appears to be in the safe hands of goalie Taylor.

Scorers: Bibby 53 min., Lynch 88 min., Morrow 94 and 103 mins. for Hakoah; Utjesenovic 14 min. and Warren 67 min. for St. George.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,408.

In the early match Yugal-Prague beat Auburn 2-0 to take third prize-money of $600.

Both teams appeared to treat the game as a training gallop.

Yugal dominated the second half against depleted opposition and scored in the 63rd and 69th minutes through Joe Alagich and Nick Serdarevic respectively.

— LOU GAUTIER

BIG GAME DIARY

YUGAL-PRAGUE v. SAFEWAY

1 min.: Danny McKinnon's low snap shot forces goalie Jan Tuinman to stretch fully for a save along the ground.

3 min.: Peter Wilson fouls Tom Mihajlovic. Takac takes the freekick and the unfortunate Safeway fullback Geraint Roberts elbows the ball before heading it past his goalie, Darryl Glover, for a spectacular own goal to give Yugal the lead.

16 min.: Wilson gets his head to Walker's deep corner but the ball goes over the bar.

22 min.: Roberts fouls Ille. Takac takes the freekick from 25 metres, but Waters' stab at the ball — from 15 metres — is blocked by Tuckerman, who relieves the pressure.

28 min.: Adrian Alston sends a good pass through for David Allison who, from 10 metres out, shoots feebly to Tuinman's right.

42 min.: A bad clearance by Glover goes straight to Serdarevic who returns the compliment by shooting straight back to the goalie!

44 min.: Laurie Waters dispossesses Alston 12 metres from the Yugal-Prague goal after "Noddy" held on to the ball too long.

SECOND HALF

49 min.: A "sticky" situation in the Safeway goalmouth where Mihajlovic almost scores before Wilson comes to the rescue for his team by conceding a corner.

54 min.: Gerry Burnett's dipping header catches Tuinman going the "wrong way", but the ball goes half a metre wide to the goalie's left.

56 min.: Gleeson scoops Waters' swerving cornerkick from his line and clears with a hefty drive under considerable pressure.

79 min.: Alston sends a through-ball to Burnett, but Tuinman comes out and dives at the left winger's feet.

85 min.: Roberts makes amends for his earlier own goal by saving Waters' cornerkick off the line.

88 min.: Wilson sends a a long drive upfield — a good 50 metres — to the unmarked Burnett, who scores a late equaliser with a header from 10 metres.

— LOU GAUTIER

Meet the players

JOHN McDONALD

(AUBURN)

The word came from Auburn players "Ziggy" Spilarewicz and Harry Selfridge that there was a great chance for a keen forward with Auburn.

John McDonald, with wife and two kiddies, arrived from Scotland and quietly slipped into the team.

He felt that there would be more work in the bricklaying trade in Australia, and the Auburn contract was worthwhile.

Coming to friends made the journey easier, and Auburn had him fixed up with a flat.

The 1971 season passed, but in 1972 his reputation for solid, honest work rose.

As Auburn's all round strength improved, John was continually seen to better advantage in the midfield and often in the goalmouth.

The build-up saw him selected for the Australian team for Asia, and international appearances in Jakarta and Saigon ensued.

Actually, his prior experience in football was considerable.

John made up to 50 appearances for Raith Rovers firsts, 13 in First Division and the balance in Second.

The season 1969-70 saw him with Montrose — a year that John feels was a peak.

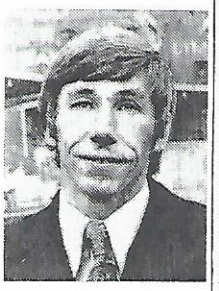
As to Auburn, he foresees 1973 as another year in which hard work will have its reward.

Coach Tommy Anderson puts his iron-man philosophy into every training session, and both coach and player guarantee a strong finishing side.

John misses the atmosphere of Scottish football — probably the more so because of the widespread layout of Mona Park.

Not one for the negative approach, he has an eye for a developing player.

He foresees the day when Auburn will build its Australian-born content, and reckons



there are already four youngsters who will graduate from the reserves.

Meanwhile, we can do with plenty of John McDonalds to spur us further along the soccer road.

— KEITH GILMOUR

TEAM of the WEEK

MAHER (Sutherland)

PERRY (Sutherland) — P. WILSON (Safeway)

SUSA (Croatia)

MALONE (Auburn) — RICHARDS (Marconi)

CAMPBELL (Marconi) — ROGERS (Auburn)

GARDINER (Granville) — WARREN (St. George) — ILLE (Yugal-Prague)

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	St. George	Marconi	APIA	Hakoah	Yugal	Auburn	Pan Hellenic	Safeway	Wests	Croatia	Sutherland	Granville
St. George	●						0-2					
Marconi		●										1-0
APIA	1-0	1-3	●									
Hakoah				●	2-0			1-0				
Yugal					●			1-1	2-1			
Auburn			3-2			●						
Pan Hellenic						2-4	●		0-2			
Safeway								●		1-1		
Wests	1-5								●			
Croatia										●	1-0	
Sutherland		0-0		0-0							●	
Granville						1-2				1-1		●

LEADING SCORERS

A. AINSLIE (Wests)	3
J. BUTLER (Auburn)	3
W. ROGERS (Auburn)	3
J. WARREN (St. George)	3
J. RUSSELL (APIA)	2
M. TOLSON (Marconi)	2

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 11,267 (12,137).

Average per match: 1,877 (2,427).

Attendance after 3 rounds: 33,469 (42,078).

Weekly average attendance: 11,150 (14,026).

● In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BERRIES EMERGING AS FIRM TITLE FAVORITES

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Canterbury, bubbling with confidence — and most impatient to get back in First Division — trounced Manly 3-0 to establish themselves firmly as promotion favorites.

But the surprise of the week was the 2-1 victory by Enmore over Melita Eagles at Mona Park.

Brief reports of second round matches played last weekend:

Canterbury v. Manly 3-0

A hat-trick by Steve Keri — the first of the season — put Canterbury on the top of the table and on the long road towards winning the premiership.

With the exception of the first 30 minutes the Berries were in reasonable command of proceedings.

Thirty minutes into the first half Manly had a great opportunity to take the lead but Bill Hutchinson missed a wide open goal.

Almost from the goalkick, Keri, who was given too much room at the expense of the heavily marked Ray Pocock, broke through to put the Berries in front.

Keri scored the second goal from the penalty spot when a shot by Ross Brown was tipped over the bar by a Manly defender to prevent the ball entering the net and his third goal was from a through-pass by Pocock.

Canterbury: Hawthorne, Greg Brown, Harris, Whitehead, Xipolitas, Hardy, Keri (3), Angelopoulos (Thompson), Pocock, Mullen, R. Brown.

Melita Eagles v. Enmore 1-2

An "offside" goal resulting from a misunderstanding between referee and linesmen gave Enmore the boost they needed to post up another surprise victory.

The incident brought "boos" from the terraces and almost sparked an attack on referee F. Raine at the end of the match.

The Eagles led 1-0 at the interval with a goal by Bob Dougan, but soon after the resumption Enmore winger Gaetano Melita received a pass in midfield.

Instantly, the linesman's flag went up for offside but the referee waved play on and the Enmore player raced through to get the equaliser.

Things could have been squared up minutes later when Raine awarded the Eagles a penalty but John Duffy shot straight into the 'keeper's hands.

Enmore, playing with great determination, piled up many attacks and with 20 minutes to go, replacement Peter Berdes raced past the Melita defence to get the winning goal.

Angry spectators milled around the dressing rooms after the match and only preventive action by Melita Club officials avoided an ugly incident.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Henrietty, D. McAusland, Duffy, Hawkins, C. McAusland, McDougall, Dougan (1), Everett (Molyneaux).

Enmore: Vlotis, Papadopoulos, Anastadiadis, Stamatakis, Brooks, Nezeritis, Melita (1), Ariola (Zeras), Parkin (Berdes 1), Kostakis, Demos.

Polonia v. Corinthians 1-0

In a scrappy game at the Bankstown Soccer Centre, Polonia won both points with a second half goal by Mick Prokurat.

There was very little between the teams. In fact, both had a lot in common as neither side had any forwards that could create or score goals.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Lovic, Zunis, Mratenkovic, Komoder, Cicini (Polewski), Minol, Krawiarz, Prokurat (1), Laska.

Corinthians: Richardson, Hendry, McCulloch, Mack, Jagger, Cooney, Bloor, Harrison, Matthews, Revley, Pruemetico.

Balgownie v. Bankstown 1-0

In a fast-moving game watched by more than 500 people, Balgownie had to produce their best football to win.

Steve Royall scored in the first half but Bankstown fought back late in the period.

Balgownie finished strongly towards the end, twice finding the net but both goals were disallowed.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Bradford, Piec, R. Paterson (McLean), Hall, Davies, Royall (1), (Beattie), McGuckin, Freeme, Norris, D. Paterson.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Penman, Watts, Gippert, Farrell, McMahon, Patterson, Reynolds.

Northern Districts v. Guildford 1-2

Guildford had to fight every inch of the way to get both points from this hard, but entertaining clash.

Grey McLean put North in the lead 20 minutes from the start, but Jim Christie headed the equaliser from a corner kick only two minutes later.

It was a pretty even tussle from then on, but Guildford, who looked slightly sharper in their attacks, secured the break when Eddie Williams notched the winning goal 10 minutes from the end.

Northern Districts: McDonald, Consentino, Hughes, Simpson, Haggett, Burtenshaw, Rooney, Brown, Johnston, McLean (1), Belgre.

NS-Inter v. Rosebery 2-0

Inter scored a goal in each half to keep the points at home.

Gastone Giacometti booted Inter into the lead a minute to halftime with a goal from a scrimmage in front of the Rosebery goal.

Inter made sure of the points five minutes into the second half when big Peter Walsh followed through to score after the Rosebery goalkeeper dropped a hard drive from another forward.

Feature of the game was good performances by Inter's youngsters, Vincent Capizzi and Phil Scimone.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Capizzi, Scimone, Foster, Rafaneli, Ledesma, Spresian, Poletto, Valdemar, Walsh (1), Giacometti (1).

THIS WEEKEND

The clash between Manly and Balgownie at Inman Park will certainly attract plenty of attention this weekend.

Manly, who cannot afford to lose, should beat the Magpies in a close match.

In the other matches we take Canterbury, Enmore, Bankstown and Melita to win, and tip a draw between Rosebery and Polonia.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fixtures for the third State League round this weekend are as follows:

- Saturday: George Cross v. Melbourne.
  Polonia v. Box Hill.
  Alexander v. JUST.
- Sunday: Austria v. Juventus.
  Wilhelmina v. Slavia.
  Hakoah v. SM-Hellas.

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Last week's results: Wilhelmina v. JUST 0-0, Hakoah 5 (Micevski 3, Sermitis, Saunders) d. Polonia 2 (Konopka, Horfiniak), Austria 2 (Jakisch, Hinze) drew with Box Hill 2 (Cox, Paul), SM-Hellas 1 (McIntyre) d. Alexander 0, Melbourne 1 (Scott) v. Juventus 1 (Bonfieni), George Cross v. Slavia 0-0.

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Ivan Ivanoff, the former West Australian State 'keeper who was first choice for George Cross until the beginning of this year and has been on the transfer list, is back training with the club. But this is not a sure sign Ivanoff will "stay put." At least one other State League side has put the feelers out for him.

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Leading First Division club, Altona City, have lost their two best prospects recently with the transfer to SM-Hellas of 18-year-old Scottish-born striker Nat Little and the transfer to Hakoah of their other 18-year-old forward Mick Micevski, who is Macedonian-born. Both players have had dream debuts for their new clubs. Little notched a single for Hellas in his first game while Micevski went one better and made it a double for Hakoah against Alexander. Despite the considerable joint fee Altona got for this promising pair it's a pity they hadn't been able to hold their services. For their prospects of making the State League in 1974 would have been considerably brighter.

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Billy McArthur, one of Croatia's key players since he joined the club in 1966, is still fancied to join a Sydney outfit. The 26-year-old McArthur, who is equally at home in the role of defender or attacker, was with crack Glasgow side, Petershill, and was at one time fancied by Glasgow Rangers.

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John Gardiner, who missed the Ampol Cup games for George Cross through injury, has already shown since his come-back in league soccer he will once again the dominant force for the club.

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Austria, who look as though they will have a fight on their hands to do as well as they did last year, have been bogged down since the end of last season with disappointments over the non-arrival of several players they had lined up from Germany.

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Andrew Kazi, who blossomed out with JUST as a winger from the junior ranks and did well in that position until he broke his leg two years ago, is fast making a name for himself now with the club as a defender and could play a key role in the Footscray side's bid for the title this year.

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Times have changed at Ringwood where Rudy Muskee is the only player from Holland at present wearing the colors of Wilhelmina. The rest of the side are Scottish and English, with the Scots predominant.

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Jimmy Pygrolis, the 1971 Argus Medal winner who has been 10 years with South Melbourne-Hellas, has been transferred to aspiring First Division Western Suburbs. Pygrolis, now 33, had six years with leading Greek side Panathinaikos and a spell with Astromitos in the Second Division before coming to Australia in 1963.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

KELVIN THOMS SCORES A HAT TRICK

By KEITH GILMOUR

Striker Kelvin Thoms scored a hat-trick in Nepean's 4-2 win over Lane Cove at Pottery Green last Saturday.

Thoms, a product of the St. Marys Band club football team, first scored to bring his team level at 1-1 and also had a hand in the next goal.

Gary Wilson beat the Coves' defence along the wing and his centre was headed on by Thoms for Robert George to hit the ball home.

For a 3-2 lead Thoms drove an indirect freekick into the wall, and engineered a deflection for the goal.

His final one was from a fantastic 40-metre drive from well out on the right side; amazingly he drove the ball into the top left hand corner of the goal.

The 4-2 win placed Nepean at the top of the table, one point above Chelsea, Arncliffe, West Ryde and Blacktown Spartan.

EXPERIENCE

Three experienced players, Ken Butt (ex-Prague), Ken McFarlane (Wests) and Steve Woods (Souths), spearheaded Gladesville Ravens to a shock 6-1 win over Queen's Park at Queen's Park last Saturday.

All three are Ravens products, and they relished the chance to play together again in their old club team.

At 1-1 the Queen's Park goalkeeper gave away a penalty kick, which Ravens netted, and from there on Ravens took everything that came their way.

They continually created chances and scored from them, showing up far better than they had in their 3-4 loss to West Ryde the previous week.

Scorers for Ravens were Steve Woods (2), Ken McFarlane, Greg Keating, Paul Slater and Nick Vale.

FIGHT-BACK

Artarmon came from behind to force a draw with Riverstone in their Second Division clash at Artarmon Reserve.

They pulled up from 0-2 to 2-2 and finally from 2-3 to 3-3, and were unlucky to have a goal disallowed in a scramble after the linesman had waved for a score.

Artarmon were well served by goalkeeper Graham Parker, defenders Eddie Murphy and Ian Wilson, together with second half replacement Malcolm Graham.

Their scorers were captain Alan Harrison, Frank Knight and Eddie Murphy.

Second Division leaders Toongabbie won 6-1 against a game Dee Why, scorers being John Keddie (3), Laurie Parkhouse, Billy Reilly and David Hammond.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

Lane Cove v. Nepean	2-4	2-5
Queens Park v. Ravens	1-6	2-1
Bondi v. Greenwich	2-2	0-1
Yagoona v. Arncliffe	2-2	1-3
West Ryde v. Chelsea	1-1	1-4
Blacktown v. N. Banks.	1-1	4-2

SECOND DIVISION

Maroubra v. Sth. Sydney	1-1	0-1
Auburn v. Eastwood	2-2	3-2
Artarmon v. Riverstone	3-3	6-0
Syd. Uni. v. W. St. Geo.	2-0	5-2
Dee Why v. Toongabbbie	1-6	1-3
Macquarie University bye.		

THIRD DIVISION

Baulkham H. v. Kogarah	2-2	3-0
Earlwood v. B'town Spurs	3-1	2-0
Holroyd v. Revesby R.	6-4	1-0
Thornleigh v. Canley V.	1-1	1-9
Fairfield v. Padstow	1-4	1-0
N. Ryde v. Lethbridge	1-1	4-2

This weekend's inter-suburban draw:

Saturday: North Bankstown v. Bondi Marine — George Green; Chelsea v. Queens Park — Moore Park; Nepean v. Greenwich — Cook Park; Eastwood v. Artarmon — Ground to be arranged; South Sydney v. Auburn Juniors —Booralee Park; West St. George v. Maroubra — Evatt Park; Kogarah v. Holroyd — Bexley Oval; Padstow Park v. North Ryde — Soccer Centre; Canley Heights v. Fairfield-Kiev — King Park.

Sunday: Arncliffe RSL v. West Ryde — Arncliffe Park; Lane Cove v. Yagoona — Pottery Green; Gladesville Ravens v. Blacktown Spartan — Peel Park; Macquarie Uni. v. Sydney Uni. — Macquarie Oval; Toongabbie v. Condell Park — Girraween Park; Dee Why v. Riverstone — Dee Why Oval; Earlwood v. Baulkham Hills — Hughes Park; Revesby Rovers v. Thornleigh — Amour Park; Blacktown Spurs v. Lethbridge — Marayong Oval.

JUNIOR RESULTS

INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER-14

St. George v. Illawarra	4-0
Sutherland v. Wests	1-2
Bankstown v. Manly	5-0
Ku-ring-gai v. Granville	0-1
Southern Districts v. Nepean	5-2

UNDER-15

Sutherland v. Wests	4-0
Bankstown v. Manly	1-0
Ku-ring-gai v. Granville	2-1
Southern Districts v. Nepean	2-0

UNDER-16

St. George v. Illawarra	6-0
Sutherland v. Wests	3-3
Bankstown v. Manly	0-2
Ku-ring-gai v. Granville	0-2
Southern Districts v. Nepean	2-0
Gladesville — bye.	

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	2	—	—	8	3	4
Wilhelmina	1	1	—	4	0	3
JUST	1	1	—	2	0	3
Slavia	1	1	—	1	0	3
Hellas	1	1	—	1	0	3
George Cross	1	1	—	3	1	3
Melbourne	—	2	—	1	1	2
Keilor	—	1	1	2	3	1
Box Hill	—	1	1	2	6	1
Polonia	—	—	2	2	7	—
Alexander	—	—	2	1	4	—

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Sydney Third Division

EASY WIN FOR RAPID

Riverside Rapid coasted to a 4-0 win over vigorous Campbelltown to head up the top of the table.

Adrian Smit (2), Peter Erasmus and Franz Eipeleauer were the scorers for Rapids, who had Herbert Stegbauer off injured after 15 minutes, and George Filter, Walter Gassner and Noel Telfer sidelined with injuries, and the clearance of Mike Bell yet to come.

Belmore bustled Ku-ring-gai off the ball and turned their occasional raids into goals to record a 2-0 win in their match at Rudd Park Belmore last Saturday.

The Belmore players know their small, bumpy playing pitch backwards, and Ku-ring-gai's ball-playing team never settled down seriously to the task in hand.

Backs Robin Mills and Merick Nacinovich were sound for the losers, who missed "Pip" Lincoln, unavailable for the day.

David Cliss made the difference in the Arncliffe Scots-West Sutherland match.

He took possession four metres outside the penalty area and threaded his way past three defenders in a deceptive run which ended with a great goal.

Both sides missed with their shots in a slow first half.

Ian Stuart in midfield defence was outstanding for Arncliffe.

Two well known ex-First Division players, Gerry Hood and Alan Hillhouse, turned out for West Sutherland.

Hillhouse was dismissed from the field by the referee in the 70th minute.

Last week's results:

W. S'land v. A'cliffe S.	0-1	1-1
Belmore v. Ku-ring-gai	2-0	2-3
Rapid v. Campbelltown	4-0	0-0
Wenty v. Concordia	0-2	3-0
Revesby W. v. Warringah	5-3	1-2
NSW Uni. v. Marrickville	1-1	1-1

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Rapid Riverside — Cahill Park; Revesby Workers v. NSW Uni. — Milperra Reserve.

Sunday: Belmore v. West Sutherland — Rudd Park; Concordia v. Warringah — Mahony Oval; Campbelltown v. Wenty — Campbelltown Showground; Ku-ring-gai v. Marrickville — Acron Oval.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Hakoah

7 (6)

Keddie 17 and 30 mins., Fletcher 20, 32 and 37 mins., Baartz 36 min., McNamee 71 min.

Granville

0 (0)

Auburn

0 (0)

WESTS

0 (0)

Marconi

5 (2)

Tolson 4 and 62 mins., Campbell 11 and 84 mins., Brajkovic 71 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)

Harding 77 min. (penalty).

Croatia

1 (1)

D. Smith 20 min.

A.P.I.A

3 (2)

Ollerton 2, 39 and 86 mins.

Safeway

4 (2)

Alston 27 and 31 mins., Fryer 54 min., Burnett 61 min.

Sutherland

2 (1)

McLoughlin 1 min., Trail 65 min.

St. George

4 (1)

Abonyi 26 min. (penalty), Herron 57 min., Denton 63 min., Stoddart 75 min.

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Nuttridge 4, Fekete 4, Bibby 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, De Melo (replaced by Coton 15 min., 3, who was replaced by Walsh 79 min.), Rutherford 4, **Fletcher 5**, Keddie 4, Baartz 4, McNamee 4.

TOTAL: 42. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

B. Taylor 4, Van Blerk 2 (Mellish 74 min.), B. Brown 2, T. Edwards 3, Bijkerk 2, O'Maye 3, Gardiner 3, Wilson 2, Spilarewicz 2, Di Santi 3 (Hann 68 min.), Vrolyks 2.

TOTAL: 28. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

R. Taylor 4, Lawson 4, Stewart 3, Malone 3, McMillan 4, Hucker 4, J. Butler 3 (Gibson 79 min.), Menzies 2 (Barnes 69 min.), McDonald 4, Sidey 3, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Eaton 5, Curran 4, G. Smith 4, Guildea 4, Edmunds 3, Ainslie 3, Turner 3, T. Smith 2, Moores 3, Bacon 3 (Hargreaves 50 min.), O'Callaghan 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Murray 4, Robertson 4, Moschen 3, **Kinnell 5**, Byrne 3, Richards 4, Brajkovic 4, Campbell 4, **Tolson 5**, Carizzo 4 (Samuel 74 min.), Burns 3 (Mihajlevic 46 min. 3).

TOTAL: 43. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Meir 3, Barr 3, Izatt 3, Barbouttis 3, Bell 3, Culledon 3, Muniz 3, Blanco 3, Harding 4, Magill 3, O'Connor (Clarke 17 min. 3).

TOTAL: 34. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Corry 3, Yaager 3, Ackerley 4, Nixon 3 (Sullivan 60 min.), Wignall 3, Kenny 3 (replaced Susa 2 min.), Babic 3, D. Smith 4, Doyle 4, M. Harris 3, Vojtek 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: L. Scheinflug.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Fuzes 3, Keith 4, Bakaric 3, M. Clarke 4, McGhee 4, Russell 3, Blues 4, Deller 3 (Pollard 60 min.), Ollerton 4, Rooney 4, T. Butler 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Glover 3, Roberts 3, **Wilson 5**, Gleeson 4, Tuckerman 3, Allison 3, Fryer 4, **Walker 5**, McKinnon 3, Alston 4, Burnett 4.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Maher 4, S. Perry 3, Wykes 4, P. Smith 3, Bennett 3, Darvill 4, McKay 3, G. Clarke 3 (Cacciola 75 min.), McLoughlin 3, R. Perry 3 (replaced Lavin 23 min.), Trail 4.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Fraser 3, G. Harris 3, **Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 5**, Williams 4, Hogg 4, Herron 4, Abonyi 4, Warren 4, Hamilton 4 (Stoddart 70 min.), Denton 2.

TOTAL: 42. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Tuinman 3, Harcombe 3, Trkulja 4, Takac 3, Rudic 3, Velkovski 3 (Rootsey 82 min.), J. Alagich 3 (Simpson 62 min.), Mihajlovic 3, Waters 3, Serdarevic 3, Boskovski 2.

TOTAL: 33. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

It was the incredibly loose marking of the Granville defenders as much as brilliant play by the Hakoah forwards that enabled the home side to race to a 6-0 lead at halftime. Hakoah scored their first half goals in a devastating 19-minute spell, but they could have reached double figures by the interval, such was the appalling standard of the opposition. Granville tightened up considerably after a tongue-lashing at lemons, but it was still mainly Hakoah. With any ounce of luck they could have scored at least another four, but superb goalkeeping by Taylor — who was not to blame for any of the first half goals — kept all but McNamee out. Both teams were under-strength, but Hakoah's performance suggests coach Maclaren has an abundance of talent to choose from this season.

Crowd: 1,208. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Lou Gautier

For this valuable point Wests must be thankful for an impeccable performance by goalkeeper Terry Eaton who on many occasions thwarted danger with some breath-taking saves and perfect timing. In the second half alone, three times he dived in the feet of Auburn forwards retrieving the ball with split-second timing, apart from saving a blistering shot from close range by Andy Tracey. Auburn fell foul of their own tactics when they kept hooking the high long balls which are normally meant for Billy Rogers. But Rogers was out with an ankle injury and substitute Derek Sidey was not exactly the right replacement for the job. In defence, the towering Les Hucker, Alec Lawson and newcomer Alec McMillan were sound as a rock, while John McDonald was his usual busy self in midfield.

Crowd: 750. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Charles Spiteri

Pan Hellenic had some of their best moments late in the first half when Dave Harding fired a 22-metre blockbuster, only to see Marconi 'keeper Bill Murray dive full stretch to his side to somehow flick the ball away. Immediately following that Magill and Harding figured in a brilliant build up, but overall it took 77 minutes for Dave Harding to drum up Pan Hellenic's lone goal from a spot kick. At all other times Marconi's defence did well enough, the midfield was superb and the strikers were incisive whenever the occasions arose. So well did Ray Richards, Ernie Campbell, George Kinnell and Max Tolson play that any minor blemish (that in any case escapes me) must be excused. In the second half Rale Rasic brought on Milan Mihailjevic and Gilbert Samuel for a trot.

Crowd: 2,925. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Keith Gilmour

APIA's win was well deserved despite Croatia's bigger share of the ball in the first half. Croatia started well and were a trifle unlucky not to take the lead. Corry's one big mistake — when he punched an innocent-looking crossed ball by Ollerton into his own net — disheartened Croatia and took the pressure off APIA, who then took over and kept the ball in the Croatia half of the field until the interval. The second half of this fast, free-moving game did not match the first in intensity. As time went by, Croatia tired and let APIA dictate the play. APIA kept on the pressure and were rewarded when Peter Ollerton completed his hat-trick four minutes from the end. It was a dream debut for the big ex-Wilhelmina striker, who may be the long-awaited answer to APIA's prayers in attack.

Crowd: 3,206. **Referee: B. Wilkinson.**

— Frank Jordan

It took Safeway some time to get on top as the visitors went to a shock lead straight from the opening whistle. Newcomer Tony McLoughlin got the goal with his first kick in Australian football but, otherwise, he had a quiet debut. Two goals by Adrian Alston in the space of four minutes gave United a deserved lead at halftime and it was obvious how much better the provincials' attack clicks when "Noddy" is in form. After the resumption Sutherland found the going hard and were fortunate not to concede more goals. Safeway's forwards poured it on and besides scoring two more goals were dreadfully unlucky with several good shots after fine lead-up work by Gerry Walker, playing his best game for some time. Robert Fryer also gave a non-stop display, highlighted by a splendid goal while Peter Wilson was the best defender on view.

Crowd: 2,214. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Peter Schumacher

Yugal-Prague literally fell to pieces after Jim Herron put Saints ahead 2-0 in the 57th minute. Until then it was only a 26th minute penalty by Abonyi, for "hands" by Waters, that enabled St. George to lead. Play was rather even until Herron's fine individual goal, with Yugal-Prague playing some clever football in the midfield. Their attack, however, never threatened seriously and in the last 30 minutes was quite non-existent. There was no stopping the Saints in the latter stages of a generally uninspiring match. They banged in two more goals and would have scored another three or four had Denton not missed some absolute sitters. Yugal-Prague, who hotly claimed a penalty in the first half, were lucky not to concede more because St. George also had two goals disallowed (Williams and Stoddart).

Crowd: 3,015. **Referee: T. Faraone.**

— Lou Gautier

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	3	1	—	13	0	7
Croatia	3	1	—	10	4	7
Marconi	3	—	1	12	6	6
APIA	2	2	—	8	3	6
Wests	2	—	2	11	5	4
St. George	2	—	2	6	6	4
Pan Hellenic	1	1	2	6	9	3
Yugal-Prague	1	1	2	4	9	3
Safeway	1	1	2	5	11	3
Auburn	—	2	2	6	14	2
Granville	1	—	3	3	13	2
Sutherland	—	1	3	3	7	1

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	1	—	7	7	7
APIA	2	2	—	10	4	6
Auburn	3	—	1	10	5	6
Hakoah	3	—	1	7	3	6
Wests	2	1	1	9	4	5
Granville	2	1	1	7	5	5
Safeway	2	1	1	3	3	5
Marconi	1	1	2	5	5	3
St. George	—	2	2	6	12	2
Pan Hellenic	1	—	3	5	12	2
Yugal-Prague	—	1	3	4	10	1
Croatia	—	—	4	0	9	0

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	3	—	—	6	0	6
Enmore	3	—	—	7	4	6
Canterbury	2	1	—	7	2	5
Melita	2	—	1	6	2	4
Guildford	2	—	1	8	6	4
Rosebery	1	—	2	6	5	2
Bankstown	1	—	2	2	3	2
NS-Inter	1	—	2	3	5	2
Manly	1	—	2	3	6	2
Polonia	1	—	2	2	9	2
Corinthians	—	1	2	3	6	1
Northern Dist.	—	—	3	2	7	—

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	3	—	—	13	3	6
Bankstown	3	—	—	13	4	6
NS-Inter	3	—	—	6	1	6
Manly	2	—	1	9	7	4
Melita	1	1	1	11	2	3
Guildford	1	1	1	6	4	3
Polonia	1	1	1	5	4	3
Northern Dist.	1	1	1	6	9	3
Rosebery	1	—	2	3	9	2
Balgownie	—	—	3	4	7	—
Corinthians	—	—	3	1	9	—
Enmore	—	—	3	2	18	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	3	—	—	9	0	6
Polonia	3	—	—	6	1	6
Bankstown	2	1	—	8	2	5
Northern Dist.	2	1	—	8	5	5
Guildford	2	—	1	21	3	4
Melita	2	—	1	7	4	4
Canterbury	1	1	1	4	4	3
Rosebery	1	—	2	4	6	2
Corinthians	—	1	2	1	5	1
Balgownie	—	—	3	3	10	—
NS-Inter	—	—	3	2	15	—
Enmore	—	—	3	0	18	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	3	—	—	10	2	6
Revesby W.	3	—	—	10	4	6
Marrickville	1	2	—	9	6	4
W. Sutherland	2	—	1	6	3	4
A'cffe Scots	2	—	1	2	2	4
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	1	8	5	3
Concordia	1	1	1	5	5	3
Belmore	1	—	2	4	4	2
C'town	1	—	2	3	8	2
Warringah	—	1	2	7	12	1
Uni. NSW	—	1	2	2	9	1
Wenty	—	—	3	2	8	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'cffe RSL	2	1	—	8	4	5
Nepean	2	1	—	6	3	5
Gladesville	2	—	1	13	6	4
Queens Park	2	—	1	6	8	4
Bondi	1	1	1	5	4	3
Chelsea	1	1	1	5	5	3
Yagoona	1	1	1	5	5	3
West Ryde	1	1	1	7	8	3
Blacktown	1	1	1	5	7	3
Greenwich	—	2	1	5	6	2
N. Bankstown	—	1	2	3	6	1
Lane Cove	—	—	3	2	8	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverstone	2	1	—	14	8	5
Artarmon	2	1	—	12	6	5
Sydney Uni.	2	1	—	6	3	5
Toongabbie	2	—	—	12	1	4
Maroubra	1	1	1	13	9	3
Auburn	1	1	1	8	11	3
W. St. George	1	—	1	6	6	2
South Sydney	—	2	1	4	5	2
Eastwood	—	1	2	5	15	1
Macquarie U.	—	—	2	2	9	0
Dee Why	—	—	3	5	14	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	3	—	—	18	3	6
Revesby Rovers	2	—	1	16	8	4
Helroyd	2	—	1	8	5	4
Fairfield-Kiev	2	—	1	8	6	4
Blacktown	2	—	1	8	8	4
Kogarah	1	2	—	5	4	4
Earlwood	1	1	1	7	6	3
Baulkham H.	1	1	1	5	7	3
Lethbridge	—	1	2	4	7	1
N.' Ryde	—	1	2	6	8	1
Canley Hts.	—	1	2	2	7	1
Thornleigh	—	1	2	3	21	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Auburn v. Wests	2-8	1-0	
Hakoah v. Granville	4-0	3-1	
St. George v. Yugal-Pr.	3-1	2-2	
Marconi v. Pan Hellenic	3-1	4-0	
Croatia v. APIA	1-1	0-3	
Safeway v. Sutherland	2-1	1-1	

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

Corins. v. C'bury	2-2	0-3	1-1
Rosebery v. Polonia	6-1	3-2	1-3
B'town v. N Dists.	2-1	6-2	1-1
Manly v. Balgownie	0-2	2-1	4-0
G'ford v. Enmore	3-4	5-1	9-0
Melita v. NS-Inter	2-0	1-2	3-2

POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

KINNELL WELL WORTH LONG TREK TO BOSSLEY PARK

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Every kilometre of the 25 out to Marconi on Sunday was sheer bliss because, you see, I'm a George Kinnell fan.

I'm not a Kinnell lad, of course, in the sense that one teenage lass I saw was wearing her "I'm a rugger hugger" jumper.

Not even on the basis that "Soccer sends me", or anything like it.

I just like good, old-fashioned football, played by a genius.

The only point I'll debate with you is where near-genius ends and where pure, undiluted genius begins.

Sunderland skipper

Georgie, one time captain of Sunderland, reached Marconi on a mere thousand or two transfer fee, and that's near enough to a free transfer for a player of his calibre!

More power to Marconi for signing him!

I watched intently as castaway George settled into the team in the APIA-Marconi game.

Then, against Pan Hellenic last week he was there, commanding in defence, domineering in the air, majestic with the free-kicks, and tigerish in the tackles.

As to those tackles, the hawk-eye takes over, he homes in on the ball with two feet near parallel to the ground, and what Hellenic forward could deny him his prize?

His real value is the way he holds the centre, releasing Ray Richards, Australia's man of the moment, to develop the attacks.

When Ray first came down from Brisbane ungainliness in his movements left some question on his abilities.

Surely there could be none now.

Against Pan Hellenic one quick change of pace swept him up to the goalline, from whence a rapier cut-back to Tolson had the ball netted in a flash.

Throughout the match he linked with both defence and strikers whenever the need arose.

He only delivered one long throw for the entire match, and that in the 80th minute.

Frankly, this seemed to add to his usefulness.

Master of recovery

Ray was the master of recovery. From facing his own goal, a quick turn into space with the ball grounded, 12 metres gained and then a defence-splitting pass — it all comes served with an easy, innocent-eyed grace.

As to strikers Campbell and Tolson, the former again took two men on regularly and beat them wholesale.

The latter, sometimes slow on the turn, again revealed a formidable box of serious tricks in the match.

On the debit side Gary Byrne has some study to do on the subject of how to handle a sliver of quicksilver such as Senhor Aginor Muniz.

And Raul Carizzo often accelerated like a runaway tram, losing sense of direction and ending with a wild pass or shot.

Think it over, Raul, you're too good a player to give part value.

Marconi "gale"

Pan Hellenic did try to play football in the teeth of a Marconi "gale" that was deliberately allowed to subside midway in the second half.

Dave Harding was their only player to really impress. He worked well amidships and ripped in a few searing shots.

Oh, that his left foot matched the power of his right!

Both sides played 4-3-3, and that left Jimmy Izatt to try his version of the "Great Waltz" with Max Tolson.

GEORGE KINNELL

Unfortunately for energetic Jimmy, in the one-two-threes the "1" and the "3" went big Max's way.

For Pan Hellenic Raul Blanco's ball control added some zip, but the Maestro lacked enough of his former fire for a team with Marconi's capability to breeze in for a deserved 5-1 result.

TEAM of the WEEK

EATON (Wests)

FEKETE (Hakoah) — UTJESENOVIC (St. George)

WILLIAMS (St. George)

KINNELL (Marconi) — RICHARDS (Marconi)

FLETCHER (Hakoah) — ROONEY (APIA)

HERRON (St. George) — TOLSON (Marconi) — McNAMEE (Hakoah)

Sydney Third Division

RAPID, REVESBY OPEN UP LEAD

Riverside and Revesby (6 points each) have already opened up a two point advantage over their nearest Third Division rivals, both recording 2-0 wins in matches played last Saturday.

At Cahill Park Riverside bottled up David Cliss to dominate the first half and lead 1-0 through an Adrian Smit goal.

Noel Telfer, resuming after a five-match lay-off, scored the second.

In normal form he would have cracked in at least two more, but he made a subdued return after injury.

Riverside are playing a good brand of push soccer that will give them every chance of dominating the Division if they can keep it up.

Steve Hardy netted first for Marrickville against Ku-ring-gai at Acron Oval on Sunday.

Ku-ring-gai came back through Robbie Mills (60 mins.) and Tom Stein (63 mins.), but Isaac McGill brought the final score to 2-2 with a penalty for Marrickville in the 80th minute.

Trevor Longmuir, of Ku-ring-gai, was unlucky enough to suffer a cut over his eye in a clash of heads, and went off to hospital to have the gash stitched.

Tom Stein was undoubtedly the man of the day for Ku-ring-gai as he pushed flat to the boards for a win, and Merick Nacinovich shone like a beacon in defence.

Last week's results:

A'ffe S. v. Riverside	0-2	2-0
Revesby W. v. NSW U.	2-0	3-4
Belmore v. W. S'land	2-3	1-5
C'town v. Wenty	3-1	2-0
Ku-ring-gai v. M'ville	2-2	3-0

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Rapid v. Belmore — Mahony Oval, Wenty v. Arncliffe Scots — Jones Park.

Sunday: West Sutherland v. Ku-ring-gai — Seymour Shaw Park, Warringah v. Campbelltown — Graham Reserve, NSW Uni. v. Concordia — David Phillips Field, Marrickville v. Revesby Workers — Mackey Park.

On Anzac Day NSW Uni. will play West Sutherland at David Phillips Field.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Meet the players

TOMMY MORROW

(HAKOAH)

Taking goals or travelling around the world to play football — it all seems to come as a matter of course to Hakoah's Belfast Boy, Tommy Morrow.

Unheralded and unsung, Tom slipped into Hakoah's team just on half-time in his Sydney debut against Yugal-Prague in the first league round.

"I didn't know much about the Sydney standard," admitted Tommy in the broadest of Irish brogues, "so I just went out to see".

One of Hakoah's two goals, plus one laid on for Joe Fletcher was the score, all accomplished with steady proficiency — and in the Ampol Cup final his two goals in extra-time won the trophy for his grateful new club.

The powerfully built Irishman says he wanted to see the other side of the world, and it so happens that Hakoah-Easts' terms were more attractive than Capetown City's.

Twenty-six-year-old Tommy has had loads of experience since he joined Bangor in the Irish League at 15.

He moved back to Second Division with Ballehara Comrades, followed by seven years in First Division with top rated Glentoran.

His wife will join him in Sydney in June.

"I've always played striker, so I have", says Tom.

The big day he recalls with satisfaction was a junior international against the Scots at Firhill Park.

FOUR GOALS

He cracked in four Irish goals in a 5-5 draw.

In European competition he was in the Glentoran team against Eusebio and Torres of Benfica.

Glentoran snatched a 1-1 home result at The Oval, and then went 0-0 in Portugal.

With away goals counting double, Benfica was in the next round and Glentoran was out.

He has faced up to Arsenal and Anderlecht as well, and played in a friendly 3-1 home win over Leeds.

Honors there have been galore.

He missed out on a full Northern Irish cap, but has represented the Irish League against the League of Ireland.

With Glentoran he collected medals for three Irish League, and City Cup, Ulster Cup and Gold Cup wins.

Tom is an amateur international seven times over, including away matches against England and Scotland.

He won three under-23 caps, including one against Italy. — **Keith Gilmour**

HELP LEGACY all the year round

LEADING SCORERS

J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	4
M. TOLSON (Marconi)	4
A. AINSLIE (Wests)	3
J. BUTLER (Auburn)	3
P. OLLERTON (APIA)	3
W. ROGERS (Auburn)	3
J. WARREN (St. George)	3

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 13,606 (15,478).

Average per match: 2,267 (2,579).

Attendance after 4 rounds: 47,075 (59,594).

Weekly average attendance: 11,768 (14,898).

● In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

BIG GAME DIARY

Hakoah v. Granville

6 min.: From McNamee's corner-kick Dave Keddie's diving header bounced off fullback Barry Brown for another corner, from which Rutherford skies a 10-metre shot.

14 min.: Fletcher slices through the Granville defence with a glorious 50-metre weaving run but his shot just rolls wide of Taylor's right upright.

17 min.: Rutherford's deep cross from the right wing connects with Keddie's head for Hakoah's first goal. 1-0.

20 min.: Fekete works the ball along the right wing, crosses to Keddie who deflects the ball on to Fletcher who volleys a second goal past Taylor. 2-0.

30 min.: Keddie slips past Bijkerk and Van Blerk to score with a well placed ground shot. 3-0.

32 min.: A beautifully-executed goal from a free-kick taken by McNamee. Baartz dummies for Fletcher to run on and score. 4-0.

36 min.: Rutherford passes to Keddie who mis-kicks but Ray Baartz, who followed through, nips in to score from 12 metres. 5-0.

37 min.: A great solo goal by Fletcher whose low, well-placed 25-metre shot beats the unsighted Taylor. 6-0.

SECOND HALF

49 min.: Granville's first attack of the match almost results in a goal when Gardiner and Richard Wilson have Marnoch in trouble, but Wilson's feeble shot is wide.

51 min.: A spectacular shot by Ray Baartz brilliantly saved by Taylor.

61 min.: Di Santi shoots straight at Nuttridge.

63 min.: A big mix-up in the Granville goal almost lets Rutherford in.

65 min.: A very lucky save by Nuttridge, whose foot deflects Di Santi's six-metre shot.

71 min.: From a corner, the ball bobs around the Granville goalmouth where Fletcher gains possession, passes to McNamee, whose first-time shot rockets into the net. 7-0.

76 min.: Graham Hann races away from Bibby but he delays his shot, enabling Nuttridge to come out and take the ball from his feet.

80 min.: McNamee nets, but referee Boskovic disallows the "goal".

86 min.: Hann sprints past the Hakoah defence, but again Nuttridge dives at the Granville forward's feet to smother the ball.

— LOU GAUTIER

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	St. George	Marconi	APIA	Hakoah	Yugal	Auburn	Pan Hellenic	Safeway	Wests	Croatia	Sutherland	Granville
St. George	●				4-0		0-2					
Marconi		●					5-1					1-0
APIA	1-0	1-3	●									
Hakoah				●	2-0			1-0				7-0
Yugal					●			1-1	2-1			
Auburn			3-2			●			0-0			
Pan Hellenic						2-4	●		0-2			
Safeway								●		1-1	4-2	
Wests	1-5								●			
Croatia			1-3							●	1-0	
Sutherland		0-0		0-0							●	
Granville						1-2				1-1		●

REFEREES

First Division: St. George v. Auburn — A. McKenzie, Granville v. Safeway — T. Davies, Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — A. Faraone, Marconi v. Wests — T. Davies, APIA v. Hakoah — A. McKenzie, Yugal-Prague v. Sutherland — A. Boskovic.

Second Division: Rosebery v. Enmore — G. Warne, Guildford v. Balgownie — J. Henkelman, Melita v. Northern Districts — B. Thompson, Canterbury v. Polonia — G. Warne, Corinthians v. NS-Inter — B. Thompson.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Big crowd sure to watch Greek 'derby'

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Promotion - seekers Balgownie sneaked to the top of the table with a convincing 2-0 victory over Manly after favorites Canterbury dropped a valuable point against Corinthians.

The Magpies have yet to concede a goal, even if their goal-scoring is not yet very resourceful.

Newcomers Enmore is the only other team with full points after three rounds of competition.

Guildford v. Enmore 3-4

After 90 minutes of fast, thrilling and exciting football, Enmore, the "babes" of the division emerged winners with a goal scored only three minutes from time.

The game was a see-saw battle throughout, and with very little between the two teams, fortunes fluctuated as both teams battled it out to produce seven great goals.

Two goals by Eddie Williams in the 31st and 38th minutes gave Guildford a grip on the game, but inside-right Peter Berdes struck twice in two minutes — 42nd and 44th — to put his side on level terms at halftime.

Makis Nezeritis gave Enmore the lead in the 52nd minute, but John Brewin whacked a brilliant goal to give Guildford the equaliser.

After replacing their two players, Enmore lost Gaetano Melita with a suspected dislocated shoulder, but even with ten men Enmore managed the winner when Peter Berdes completed his hat-trick from a cross by John Demos.

By the end of the game three players finished in hospital — Melita, dislocated shoulder, Chris Lowe, split forehead and Graham Robinson, groin injury.

Guildford: Freeman, Parle, Schofield, Fraser, Brewin (1), McDougall, Brincat, Lowe (Wall), Christie, Williams (2), Robinson (Burrowes).

Enmore: Vlotis, Papadopoulos, Anastadiades, Ariola, Brooks, Nezeritis (1), Demos, Berdes (3), Kostakis (Zeras), Melita, Parkin (Stamakis).

Corinthians v. Canterbury 2-2

The Berries twice trailed Corinthians in a match which at times produced some very good football.

Left-winger Steve Preumetico gave Corinthians the lead early in the first half with a brilliant goal that gave no chance for Hawthorne to save.

Steve Keri, who scored a hat-trick the week before, equalised minutes before halftime, but Canterbury could not contain the determined Corinthians' attack and Preumetico pounced on a faulty back-pass by Xipolitas to snatch the lead for Corinthians again.

The Berries had to toil hard for the rest of the game, and with about 10 minutes to go the untiring Bob Hardy slammed home the equaliser to salvage a useful point.

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Revley (Morris), Mack, Jagger, Cooney, Griffiths, Collins, Harrison, Matthews, Preumetico (2).

Canterbury: Hawthorne, Greg Brown, Harris, Whitehead, Xipolitas, Hardy (1), Keri (1), Romanos (Mullen), Pocock, Angelopoulos (Bramston), Ross Brown.

Rosebery v. Polonia 6-1

Striker Nick Tsingolis returned to the Rosebery firing line after a two-week suspension and celebrated his comeback with a hat-trick.

The match, watched by more than 500 people at Erskineville Oval, was a thriller, particularly in the first half when the teams were still locked at 1-1.

Tsingolis put Rosebery in front early in the game but Stan Minol engineered the equaliser with a perfect pass to Polewski just before the halftime whistle.

Polonia had to pay the price for dropping their experienced goalkeeper Mikolajczyk as every shot fired in the second half by the Rosebery forwards found its way into the net through some suspect goalkeeping.

Rosebery: Palmer, Young, Koukis, Kehagias (Kondos), Canosa, Bottalico (Thomas 2), Turner, Molihtaris, Blue, Tsingolis (3), Gregoras (1).

Polonia: Szady, Rounds, Lovic, Zounis, Mratenkovic, Komoder, Cicini, Minol, Krawiarz, Prokurat, Polewski (1).

Bankstown v. Northern Districts 2-1

The teams were still level at halftime with the scoresheet blank, but Eddie Patterson scored from a scrimmage to give the Towns the lead before Chris Martin added another goal 20 minutes later.

Northern Districts hit back towards the end with a copy-book goal by Glen Rooney and were attacking strongly when the final whistle sounded.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Farrell, Penman, Watts (Madden), Reynolds, Stesenovic, Martin (1), Patterson (1), McMahon.

Northern Districts: McDonald, McDermott, Hughes, Simpson, Haggett, Burtenshaw, Rooney (1), Consentino, Dodds, McLean, Belgre (Johnston).

Melita Eagles v. NS-Inter 2-0

Despite some indifferent football, Melita Eagles scored a goal in each half in a fast game.

Kevin Molyneaux put the Eagles in front when he raced through the Inter defence to beat Wupper with a well placed shot.

In the second half, Bobby Dougan hit the woodwork and at the other end NS-Inter also missed a good scoring opportunity.

Young Colin McAusland sealed the result with a good goal for the Eagles midway through the second half.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Henrietty, D McAusland, Duffy, Gamble (Hawkins), C. McAusland (1), McDougall, Molyneaux (1) (Bankhead)

NS-Inter: Wupper, Ledesma, Andrejewski, Foster, Rafaneli, Giacometti, Spresian, Sims, Valdemar, Walsh, Billington (Aguci).

Manly v. Balgownie 0-2

Two second half goals by Nigel McGuckin sank the ambitious Manly in a hard, but clean game at Inman Park.

It was a fitting reward for McGuckin as it was his last game, because he leaves soon to play for Shamrock Rovers in the Irish league.

It was still 0-0 at halftime, but McGuckin grabbed the two goals in the 65th and 80th minutes to put his side at the top of the competition table.

Manly: Dower, Russell, Hutchinson, Allen, Stock, Gosling, A. Crawford, Mallam, Bowley, S. Crawford (Tapp), Dunwell (Waller).

Balgownie: Holbrow, Bradford, Piec, R. Paterson, Hall, Davies, Beattie, McGuckin (2), Freeme, Norris, D. Paterson (McClune).

THIS WEEK

More than 2,000 people are expected at Erskineville Oval on Saturday to watch the Greek "derby" between Rosebery Rhodes and Enmore.

The return of Nick Tsingolis to the Rosebery forward-line has added punch in their attack, which may be further strengthened with the addition of John Vlahos who returned from Greece last week.

Enmore will start slight favorites to win a close game.

In other matches we take Canterbury, Corinthians, Balgownie, Melita and Manly to win.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Gardner's hat-trick lifts Bondi Marines

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Three quick goals in the second half from Alex "Ecky" Gardner gave Bondi Marines a 3-1 win over North Bankstown at George Green Park last Saturday.

Bondi trailed 0-1 after Norths had hit the lead two minutes after the resumption.

Normally reliable Bondi back, Rod Saville, fell as he tried to push a pass back to his 'keeper, allowing an opponent to gain possession and score with a high lob shot.

Bondi should have won by more; it may be that they were saving themselves for the road ahead.

Ron Stevenson got through a power of work in the midfield, and centre-half Noel Bourke generally had matters under control.

EARLY LEAD

At Jamison Park a low ball was skewed in by Tony Foster, the Lane Cove player-coach, to put the visitors one ahead after only 15 minutes.

Nepean retained their unbeaten record by goaling eight minutes from the end.

Peter Pearson scored from a head back from Gary Wilson.

Frank Fineran, their consistent scorer, followed a ball down the middle, fought for possession, and goaled with a good shot.

Barry Farrington hit in a searing shot from a left-wing cross, and the other Queens Park goal was a deflection from a Chelsea defender.

At Dee Why Oval on Sunday, Riverstone chalked up a 3-0 lead with goals from Mick Green, Bill Cole and Mick Milanovic.

They relaxed, and Dee Why came back fighting to pull up to 3-2 before Vince Cole put the issue beyond doubt at 4-2.

Ted Wheeler showed out well in midfield for Lane Cove in what was a rush and bustle encounter.

COMBINED WELL

Queen's Park came back from one behind to defeat Chelsea 3-1 at Moore Park.

For the first time in the competition Queens Park's players combined well.

Last weeks results:

FIRST DIVISION

N. Banks. v. Bondi	1-3	1-3
Chelsea v. Queens P.	1-3	1-5
Nepean v. Greenwich	1-1	2-1
A'cffe RSL v. W. Ryde	4-2	3-0
Lane Cove v. Yagoona	0-2	1-2
Ravens v. Blacktown	4-1	3-2

SECOND DIVISION

Eastwood v. Artarmon	1-5	5-2
S. Sydney v. Auburn Jr.	2-3	1-1
W. St. Geo. v. Maroubra	6-4	2-1
Mac. Uni. v. Sydney U.	2-3	0-2
Dee Why v. Riverstone	2-4	3-1
Toongabbie, bye.		

THIRD DIVISION

Kogarah v. Holroyd	1-0	0-2
Padstow v. N. Ryde	3-2	6-1
Canley H. v. Fairfield	1-4	6-2
Earlwood v. Bankstown	2-3	1-0
Revesby v. Thornleigh	9-2	4-2
Blacktown v. Lethbridge	3-2	2-1

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This weekend's inter-suburban draw:

Saturday: West Ryde v. Lane Cove, Waud Showground, Blacktown Spartan v. Chelsea — Francis Park, Bondi v. Ravens — Waverley Oval, Riverstone v. Eastwood — Schofields Park, Artarmon v. South Sydney — Artarmon Reserve, Thornleigh v. Kogarah — Thornleigh Oval, Fairfield-Kiev v. Revesby Rovers — Knight Park, North Ryde v. Canley Heights — North Ryde Oval.

Sunday: Yagoona v. Nepean O'Neil Park, Queens Park v. Arncliffe RSL — Queens Park, Greenwich v. North Bankstown — Gore Creek Reserve, Sydney Uni. v. Toongabbie — Beaman Park, Maroubra v. Macquarie Uni. — Coral Sea Park, Auburn Juniors v. West St. George — Progress Park, Baulkham Hills v. Blacktown Spartan — Ted Horwood Reserve, Holroyd v. Earlwood — West Guildford Showground, Lethbridge v. Padstow Park — Jersey Road.

Another Victorian

Victoria have lost another top player and to the usual source with a transfer from Wilhelmina to APIA, of striker PETER OLLERTON, who joined the Ringwood side three years ago from English non-league soccer and has only this year established himself as a State side player. This is the third top player Wilhelmina have transferred to Sydney in recent years, the other pair being Wim Spickerman, to Western Suburbs, and Keith Cockburn, to Sutherland.

JUNIOR RESULTS

INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

	14's	15's	16's
G'ville v. St. Geo.	2-0	1-2	3-0
Illa. v. S'land	0-11	—	0-2
Wests v. Bankstown	1-4	0-4	2-10
Manly v. Ku-ring-gai	1-2	2-1	1-2
Gran. v. Nepean	6-0	5-0	9-0
Southern Districts	—	Bye	

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fourth round State League fixtures are:

Saturday: Slavia v. Polonia; Juventus v. Wilhelmina; Melbourne v. Austria.

Sunday: JUST v. Hakoah; Box Hill v. Alexander; SM-Hellas v. George Cross.

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Last week's State League results: George Cross 1 (Cunningham) d. Melbourne 0, JUST 1 (Zoraja) d. Alexander 0, Polonia 2 (Widera, Anolak) d. Box Hill 1 (McDaid), Slavia 1 (Kent) d. Wilhelmina 0, Hakoah v. SM-Hellas 0-0, Juventus 1 (Lucchesi) d. Austria 0.

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First Division fixtures for round three are: Sunshine v. Mooroolbark, Western Suburbs v. Yallourn, Lions v. Frankston, Keilor v. Green Gully, Springvale v. Altona, Ringwood United v. St. Albans.

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Slavia are having the use of Wilhelmina's ground — Jubilee Park, at Ringwood — for their home games.

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Austria have picked up a useful winger in 19-year-old Karl Jackisch, who formerly played for Hercules.

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Hakoah are expecting the arrival later this month of Phillip Hammond, a 19-year-old linkman from England, who has been on the books of both Crystal Palace and Blackburn Rovers.

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George Cross, of Melbourne, have officially an-nounced that their star linkman and striker JOHN GARDINER is for transfer. The club made the decision after turning down a request from the 25-year-old Scot who previously played with East Fife for increased playing terms. One of the most skilful players in State League soccer he won the Rothmans' medal in both 1971 and 1972 and last year also carried off the Argus Medal award. A storeman with the SEC, the player has no intentions at this stage of looking for a club in Sydney but one wonders which State League club in Melbourne would be able to afford the considerable fee George Cross are likely to place on his head? Gardiner, a native of Dundee, has been with the Cross about three years and has played a leading part in their revival during the past two seasons.

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First major casualty of the new Victorian season was Jimmy Millar, of Frankston, who broke his leg in two places in the game against Sunshine. Miller, now 32, was a dynamatic player with Juventus for a few years before he moved with brilliant Davie Closs and Jim Malloy also of Juventus to Polonia where all three were instrumental in saving the club from relegation three years ago.

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Victoria can't offer a deal in making a more worthwhile contribution to the Australian team for their next World Cup games. But one player worthy of consideration is Peter Bourne, the brilliant mid-fielder of South Melbourne-Hellas.

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George Cross are "up in arms" over the fact that five clubs owe them a total of $2,000 for players transferred over the past three years and have asked the VSF to assist them in getting the monies due them. The George Cross secretary stated that some clubs paid initially on a fraction of the fees with the rest to come on the strength of credit notes while one club sent five cheques in payment for a player and they all bounced!

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Bobby Pocock, brother of Ray Pocock, of Canterbury, is back with Sunshine City after playing the last few years with Austria where he gave great service.

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It was quite a surprise to see goalkeeper Jim Davies trot out for Box Hill in their recent game against Austria. For the former George Cross and Melbourne player, who later had a spell with Mooroolbark in the Metropolitan League, had been out of competitive soccer for two years and had virtually retired. And no wonder, for Jim who makes no secret of his age — 40 — got a surprise himself when former Cross colleague Archie Campbell, now coach of Box Hill, got him to sign-on for the Hillmen who had a 'keeper problem. Jim, a Londoner, had no fitness worries in his come-back, as for years now he has been a P.T. instructor at one of Melbourne's schools and even with two score years on the board, he is probably fitter than most of the State League players and has already justified his signing.

— JIM COOK

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RESULTS & SCORERS

St. George

1 (0)

Abonyi 48 min. (penalty).

Auburn

1 (1)

Barnes 30 min.

Granville

0 (0)

Safeway

2 (1)

O'Maye (own goal) 29 min., Burnett 63 min.

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

Sutherland

0 (0)

Marconi

1 (0)

Griffiths 58 min.

WESTS

1 (0)

Ainslie 65 min.

A.P.I.A

2 (1)

Ollerton 40 min., Watkiss 72 min. (own goal).

Hakoah

6 (3)

Rutherford 1 and 35 mins., Fletcher 8 (penalty) and 49 mins., Keddie 66 min., Watkiss 77 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

D. Smith 11 min., Vojtek 63 min.

Croatia

2 (1)

O'Connor 25 and 71 mins.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Fraser 4, G. Harris 4, Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 4, Williams 4, Hogg 3, Herron 3, Abonyi 4, Warren 4, Stoddart 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

R. Taylor 3, Lawson 4, Stewart 4, Malone 4 (Hughes 81 min.), McMillan 4, Hucker 3, Menzies 3 (Gibson 70 min.), Barnes 4, **McDonald 5**, Sidey 3, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

B. Taylor 3, Van Blerk 3, Williams 3, T. Edwards 4, Bijkerk 2 (Hann 75 min.), R. Wilson 2, Gardiner 4 Di Santi 82 min.), Spilarewicz 3, Fraser 3, Vrolyks 3.

TOTAL: 34. **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Glover 3 (Donovan 46 min., 3), Roberts 3, P. Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Tuckerman 3, Walker 4, Fryer 3, Allison 3, McKinnon 4, Alston 4, Burnett 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Tuinman 4, Harcombe 3, Boskovski 3, Trkulja 3, Rudic 4, Rootsey 3, J. Alagich 4, Takac 3, Velkovski 2, Mihajlovic 4 (Simpson 71 min.), Waters 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻

Maher 5, Perry 4, Wykes 2, Bennett 3, Darvill 3, P. Smith 3 (G. Clarke 82 min.), D. McKay 3, Bourke 3, McLoughlin 3, Lavin 3, Trail 3.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Murray 4, Roche 4, Moschen 4, Kinnell 3, Robertson 3, Richards 4, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 4, Tolson 3, Carrizo 2 (replaced by Griffiths 35 min., 4), Samuel 2 (replaced by Byrne 78 min.).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Eaton 4, Curran 4, Hargreaves 4, Guildea 3, Edmunds 3, G. Smith 3, Bacon 4, T. Smith 3, Moores 2, Ainslie 4, O'Callaghan 2 (Byles 70 min.).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Fuzes 3, Keith 3, Bakaric 3, M. Clarke 3, McGhee 3, Russell 3, Blues 3, Pollard 3 (replaced Deller 28 min.), Ollerton 3, Rooney 4 (McArthur 55 min.), T. Butler 4.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Coe 4 (replaced Nuttridge 42 min.), Fekete 3, Bibby 4, **Watkiss 5, Marnoch 5**, Mackay 4, **Rutherford 5, Fletcher 5, Keddie 5, Baartz 5**, MacNamee 3.

TOTAL: 48. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Corry 3, Yaager 3, Ackerley 4, M. Harris 4, Wignall 2, Susa (Kenny 26 min., 3), Vojtek 3, Nixon 3, Doyle 3, D. Smith 4, Sullivan 4.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: L. Scheinflug.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Meir 3, Barr (Fieldhouse 7 min., 3), Izatt 4, Barbouttis 3, Bell 2, Culledon 3, Muniz 4, Blanco 3, Harding 4, Magill 3, O'Connor 4.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Auburn did well to come away with a point as they were compelled to play without their two top scorers, John Butler and Bill Rogers. They actually dominated the first half when they played with far greater understanding than the listless Saints. Auburn deserved their 1-0 lead at the break — achieved through a neat goal by Charlie Barnes. The second half opened sensationally with Manfred Schaefer's drive saved off the line by Alec McMillan. Two minutes later, in the 48th minute, Saints were luckier when they were awarded a controversial penalty for alleged handling by an Auburn defender in a packed goalmouth. Attila Abonyi made no mistake with the spot-kick to salvage a precious point for his team. Saints were slightly on top for the rest of the match but sloppy finishing let a gallant Auburn off the hook.

Crowd: 2,100. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Lou Gautier

Safeway deserved their win, but an improved Granville showed a lot more spirit than they had the previous week. Following two early misses by Granville, Safeway sorted out their defence, and worked away until a Danny McKinnon shot was deflected over the body of a surprised Brian Taylor into goal. After Chris Spilarewicz missed a penalty "donated" by Peter Wilson, who flicked a ball which was beating him with his hand, Bijkerk hit the side-netting when an angled shot would have scored. Safeway tied it all up with a Gerry Burnett goal after Mackinnon had come again with a piledriver. Apart from a lively McKinnon, Gerry Walker was Safeway's man of the day as he intercepted cleverly and set up movements to keep his team on the offensive.

Crowd: 953. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Keith Gilmour

The 1,900 fans who turned up deserve a medal, or at least an Easter egg each, for extreme fortitude under duress for sitting through this sub-standard match. Yugal-Prague should have won easily with Joe Alagich having four golden opportunities in the first 30 minutes to score, but being frustrated either by a freakish bounce or Alan Maher's agile saves. After that Yugal displayed an astonishing capacity for missing while at the other end Sutherland were completely devoid of any scoring ideas. Sutherland had one chance in the whole 90 minutes when Trail blazed the ball over the bar in the 70th minute. Their boomed new arrival from Hong Kong, Tony McLoughlin, was played right out of the game by Ivo Rudic.

Crowd: 1,990. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Lincoln Walters

Western Suburbs, showing some of the cohesion which has been missing for some time, deserved to get a point out of a disappointing match. There was little in way of creative football, only plenty of running that got both teams nowhere. However, some action was sparked off after the interval, with Marconi being the aggressor initially, and Wests reciprocating for the challenge. Ernie Campbell, easily the best of the Marconi forwards, tormented the Wests defence with accurate and clever passing but there was little response from his team-mates, the only exception being replacement Alan Griffiths. Griffiths shot Marconi to the lead with a solo effort down the middle which he finished off with a well placed shot over Eaton's head. But the best goal of the match was Wests' equaliser by Alan Ainslie — a 25-metre cannonball special — which Murray didn't even see go past him.

Crowd: 2,000. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Charles Spiteri

Two goals in the first eight minutes knocked the stuffing out of APIA and Hakoah went on to crush their opponents with a scintillating display. If they can maintain this form Hakoah will be in a class of their own in the Sydney premiership. Willie Rutherford's overdue return to form played no uncertain part in Hakoah's glorious display. His speed turned the APIA defence inside out but he wasn't alone. Joe Fletcher's flicks, openings and steady flow of precision passes were also a delight to watch as were the imperial performances of twin stoppers Marnoch and Watkiss. APIA just had no answer to this irresistible Hakoah machine. In the last 10 minutes they could have conceded a couple more goals such was Hakoah's superiority. APIA did well to score two goals from their limited opportunities, but were perhaps unlucky not be awarded a penalty for "hands" by a Hakoah defender early in the second half.

Crowd: 3,722. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Lou Gautier

Pan Hellenic came out strongly in the second half, and should have swamped the disjointed Croatia defence. As it was, chunky Dave O'Connor scored a brace, but crafty Aginor Muniz' crosses went to waste. Pan Hellenic's Jim Magill crashed a great shot on the bar, and Billy Vojtek hit the upright for Croatia after scoring one. Goalkeeper Meir's elementary positioning mistakes, which should be remedied forthwith, could have been fatal to Hellenic's defence. But these were mere bagatelle to Croatia's defensive fumbles. Les Scheinflug could do worse than to use big John Doyle as the anchor man.

Crowd: 2,332. **Referee: A. Faraone.**

— Keith Gilmour

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	**4**	**1**	**—**	**11**	**4**	**9**
Hakoah	**3**	**2**	**—**	**14**	**1**	**8**
APIA	**2**	**3**	**—**	**9**	**4**	**7**
Wests	**3**	**—**	**2**	**13**	**5**	**6**
Marconi	3	—	2	12	8	6
St. George	2	1	2	6	6	5
Yugal-Prague	2	1	2	8	10	5
Safeway	2	1	2	8	12	5
Pan Hellenic	1	1	3	6	10	3
Auburn	—	3	2	6	14	3
Granville	1	—	4	4	16	2
Sutherland	—	1	4	4	11	1

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	**4**	**—**	**1**	**13**	**6**	**8**
Hakoah	**4**	**—**	**1**	**10**	**5**	**8**
Granville	**3**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**6**	**7**
Sutherland	**3**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**10**	**7**
APIA	2	2	1	12	7	6
Wests	2	2	1	12	7	6
Safeway	2	1	2	4	5	5
Marconi	1	2	2	8	8	4
Pan Hellenic	2	—	3	7	12	4
Yugal-Prague	1	1	3	7	11	3
St. George	—	2	3	7	15	2
Croatia	—	—	5	0	11	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	**4**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**2**	**8**
Canterbury	**3**	**1**	**—**	**14**	**4**	**7**
Melita Eagles	**3**	**—**	**1**	**7**	**2**	**6**
Enmore	**3**	**—**	**1**	**9**	**9**	**6**
Rosebery	2	—	2	11	7	4
Guildford	2	—	2	10	9	4
NS-Inter	2	—	2	5	5	4
Manly	2	—	2	7	9	4
Bankstown	1	—	3	5	7	2
Polonia	1	—	3	4	16	2
Corinthians	—	1	3	3	8	1
Nth. Districts	—	—	4	2	8	—

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	**4**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**4**	**8**
NS-Inter	**4**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**1**	**8**
Bankstown	**3**	**—**	**1**	**14**	**6**	**6**
Manly	**3**	**—**	**1**	**11**	**8**	**6**
Nth. Districts	2	1	1	7	0	5
Rosebery	2	—	2	7	11	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	2	11	3	3
Guildford	1	1	2	7	6	3
Polonia	1	1	2	6	10	3
Balgownie	1	—	3	6	8	2
Corinthians	—	—	4	1	10	—
Enmore	—	—	4	4	22	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	**4**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**0**	**8**
Polonia	**4**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**2**	**8**
Nth. Districts	**3**	**1**	**—**	**13**	**6**	**7**
Guildford	**3**	**—**	**1**	**24**	**3**	**6**
Bankstown	2	1	1	8	4	5
Rosebery	2	—	2	8	7	4
Melita Eagles	2	—	2	8	9	4
Canterbury	1	1	2	4	8	3
Corinthians	1	1	2	4	7	3
Balgownie	—	—	4	3	14	—
NS-Inter	—	—	4	4	18	—
Enmore	—	—	4	1	22	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	**4**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**2**	**8**
Revesby W.	**3**	**—**	**1**	**12**	**7**	**6**
Marrickville	**2**	**2**	**—**	**12**	**8**	**6**
Arncliffe Scots	**3**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**4**	**6**
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	1	9	5	5
W. Sutherland	2	—	2	6	4	4
Concordia	1	1	2	5	6	3
Warringah	1	1	2	12	14	3
Uni. NSW	1	1	2	3	9	3
Belmore	1	—	3	4	5	2
Campbelltown	1	—	3	5	13	2
Wenty	—	—	4	4	11	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	**3**	**1**	**—**	**9**	**4**	**7**
Queens Park	**3**	**—**	**1**	**8**	**9**	**6**
West Ryde	**2**	**1**	**1**	**16**	**8**	**5**
Bondi	**2**	**1**	**1**	**7**	**4**	**5**
Arncliffe RSL	2	1	1	9	6	5
Gladesville	2	—	2	13	8	4
Greenwich	1	2	1	12	7	4
Chelsea	1	2	1	11	8	4
Blacktown	1	2	1	8	10	4
Yagoona	1	1	2	6	8	3
N. Bankstown	—	1	3	4	13	1
Lane Cove	—	—	4	2	17	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Artarmon	**3**	**1**	**—**	**14**	**6**	**7**
Riverstone	**3**	**1**	**—**	**16**	**9**	**7**
Toongabbie	**3**	**—**	**—**	**16**	**2**	**6**
Maroubra	**2**	**1**	**1**	**15**	**10**	**5**
Sydney Uni.	2	1	1	7	7	5
W. St. George	2	—	1	9	6	4
Auburn Jun.	1	1	2	8	14	3
South Sydney	—	2	2	4	7	2
Eastwood	—	1	3	6	17	1
Dee Why	—	—	3	5	14	—
Macquarie Uni.	—	—	3	3	11	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	**4**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**4**	**8**
Kogarah	**2**	**2**	**—**	**9**	**5**	**6**
Revesby R.	**3**	**—**	**1**	**20**	**10**	**6**
Earlwood	**2**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**6**	**5**
Baulkham H.	2	1	1	8	5	5
Holroyd	2	—	2	8	7	4
Fairfield-Kiev	2	—	2	10	10	4
Blacktown	2	—	2	9	11	4
North Ryde	1	1	2	7	8	3
Lethbridge	—	1	3	5	10	1
Canley Heights	—	1	3	2	8	1
Thornleigh	—	1	3	4	25	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)

St. George v. Auburn	0-0	1-3
Granville v. Safeway	1-3	2-1
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia	0-1	2-0
Marconi v. Wests	0-2	3-3
APIA v. Hakoah	1-1	2-3
Yugal-Pr. v. Sutherland	4-1	3-1

SECOND DIVISION

(All Grades)

Rosebery v. Enmore	5-2	4-1
Corins. v. NS-Inter	0-2	0-1	3-2
G'ford v. Balgownie	2-3	1-2	3-0
Melita v. N. Dists.	1-0	0-1	1-5
B'town v. Manly	3-4	1-2	0-1
C'bury v. Polonia	7-2	6-1	0-4

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Balgownie v. Melita match of the round

Balgownie still top the Second Division table with a hundred per cent record after beating Guildford 3-2 in an exciting match at Guildford Park last Sunday.

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The upset of the round was the 5-2 thrashing of newcomers Enmore by Rosebery in the all-Greek derby.

Rosebery v. Enmore 5-2

More than 1,500 people, supporters of these two Greek-backed teams, watched the climax of tense rivalry which has been building up for some time, and supercharged during the week with the transfer of Eddie Howard to Rosebery for $500.

Howard played a key role in a ten-man Rosebery side which demolished Enmore in an exciting and thrilling game scoring the first two goals to pave the way to victory.

An incident early in the first half highlighted the atmosphere of the game when Robert Canosa was sent off, and a penalty awarded against Rosebery.

But the experienced John Demos failed to convert as Rodney Palmer in the Rosebery goal made a spectacular save to deny Enmore the lead.

With the crafty Archie Blue in midfield, Rosebery held an edge on their rivals in midfield and it was no surprise when Howard netted to put Rosebery in front at half time.

Thrilling football followed after the interval which brought six more goals.

Howard sent Rosebery further ahead five minutes into the second half and after Peter Berdes reduced the leeway for Enmore, Arthur Thomas banged home two goals in so many minutes to demolish Enmore's hopes.

Norman Parkin scored to make it 4-2 but the roving Nick Tsingolis grabbed another goal five minutes from the end to complete the rout.

Rosebery: Palmer, Turner, Young, Mouhtaris (Matthews), Canosa, Kontos (Miche), Howard (2), Thomas (2), Blue, Tsingolis (1), Gregoris.

Enmore: Vlotis, Papadopoulos, Anastadiades, Stamatakis, Brooks, Nezeritis, Demos, Ariola, Kostakis, Berdes (1), Parkin (1).

Guildford v. Balgownie 2-3

A storming finish by Guildford in the final 15 minutes in which they scored two goals gave Balgownie their biggest scare so far this year.

The Magpies were impressive in the first half when they led 2-0, Ken McLean scoring from a penalty and Steve Royall netting the second goal.

Soon after the interval youngster Gary Norris made it 3-0 but this goal shocked Guildford into action as they stormed all over Balgownie and were only beaten by time in their bid to force a draw.

Guildford: Freeman, Parle (1), Schofield, McDougall, Christie (Burrowes), Brewin, Brincat, Wall (Clout), E. Williams (1), P. Williams.

Balgownie: Edwards, Bradford, Piec, R. Paterson, Hall, Davies, Beattie, Royall (1), Freeme, Norris (1), McLean (1).

NS-Inter v. Corinthians 2-0

Third grader Domenic Parisi opened the score for Norths within six minutes when he netted from a perfect centre by Peter Walsh.

This was the only goal in the first half which saw Corinthians struggling with a somewhat reshuffled team which played well below par.

Valdemar, who replaced Parisi earlier in the game, scored after the interval to give the better side victory.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Cappizzi, Ledesma, Foster, Rafaneli, Andrejewski, Spresian, Poletto, Parisi (1) (Valdemar, 1), Walsh, Agueci.

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Revley, Mack, Jagger, Stevenson, Cooney (Griffiths), Daniel, Matthews, Collins, Preumatico.

Northern Districts v. Melita Eagles 0-1

Player-coach John Duffy scored the only goal of the match midway through the first half with a scorching left-foot drive that skimmed the underside of the bar on its way into the net.

Northern Districts showed more cohesion in their movements but still lack the punch to finish off their moves.

Melita fielded Colin Minor, their new signing from Granville. He had a quiet game and was replaced by Alan Bankhead late in the match.

Northern Districts: McDonald, McDermott, Hughes, Simpson, Haggett, Rooney (Brown), Consentino, Burtenshaw, Johnson, McLean, Belgre.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, D. McAusland, Duffy (1), Knaus, Hewlett, Henrietty, Molyneaux (Hawkins), C. McAusland, Minor (Bankhead), Dougan, McDougall.

Canterbury v. Polonia 7-2

Canterbury only went into top gear in the second half after a torrid first period during which Polonia more than held their own.

The Berries opened the score within five minutes through Steve Keri but Polonia hit back two minutes later with a glorious goal by Stan Minol direct from a freekick.

Canterbury scored next but within minutes Tony Komoder levelled the scores following a corner-kick before the Berries made it 3-2 before the break.

Canterbury ran riot in the second half to score four more goals.

Canterbury: Hawthorne, G. Brown, Harris (Henderson, 1), Whitehead, Xipolitas, Hardy, Keri (2), Whyte, Pocock (2), Mullen (1), R. Brown (1).

Polonia: Szadi, Round, Lovic, Zounis, Mratenkovic, Komoder (1), Polewski (Blaszczak), Tomasewski, Minol (1), Cicchini, Prokurat.

Bankstown v. Manly 3-4

Manly came twice from behind to eventually pip Bankstown by the odd goal in seven.

It was a very entertaining game, especially in the first half when five goals were scored.

Eddie Paterson put the "Towns" in the lead after two minutes but Manly equalised 90 seconds later only to see Martin put Bankstown again in the lead before Manly scored twice to take a 3-2 halftime lead.

Soon after the interval Mick Bowley completed his hat-trick to give Manly a hard fought win despite Bankstown's late third goal.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Gippert, Penman, Madden, Reynolds, Farrell, Martin (1), Paterson (2), McMahon.

Manly: Dower, Russell, Stocks, Hutchison, Allen, Dunwell (1), S. Crawford, Bowley (3), A. Crawford, Mullen, Gosling (Waller).

THIS WEEK

The Sunday match between Balgownie and Melita Eagles stands out this weekend.

Melita have always fought close battles with the Magpies and they may be the side to upset the leaders' applecard.

In other matches we take Rosebery to beat Northern Districts, Enmore to defeat Corinthians and Manly to down Polonia.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

NEPEAN ARE THE NEW FIRST DIVISION LEADERS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Last week's leaders, Arncliffe RSL, found in-form Queens Park too good, and went down 2-1 last Sunday.

Nepean, by dint of a 3-1 win over Yagoona at O'Neil Park, now head up the First Division table, although it took saves on the line by defenders Keith Gear and Kerry Knelller to save the day.

Bondi Marines were again in the news, this time as the result of a 2-0 win over Gladsville Ravens.

They goaled in the first half, with John McAusland initiating the move from deep in Raven's territory.

His sweeping pass found left winger Alex Gardiner, who flew into the area, held off one opponent, and then slipped the ball past the advancing keeper at an acute angle.

Play improved to a higher standard in the second half, with Gladesville handicapped by having one player sent off late in the first term.

Bondi clinched their win in the 80th minute, when Frank Latham hit high into the net, a left-footer from 18 metres out.

Alex Gardiner in attack and fullback Billy Thompson were the Bondi stars.

HARD NUT

At Schofields Park Riverstone found Eastwood a harder nut to crack than they expected.

Eastwood goaled from the kick-off, and were still ahead 1-0 at half time.

Then Mick Milanovic headed in a corner kick from Seb Grasso and finally Riverstone captain-coach Fred Dayney as deep lying centre forward cottoned on the ball in a scrimmage after Vince Cole had crossed and scored the winner for Riverstone from another header.

Poor shooting from Riverstone held the final score to 2-1 in their favor.

Sydney University put up a tremendous battle against Toongabbie, before going down 4-1.

John Keddie (2), Billy Reilly and Laurie Parkhouse scored for Toongabbie, with Parkhouse netting the goal of the match after four players had entered into the build up.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION		
West Ryde v. Lane Cove	9-0	4-0
Blacktown v. Chelsea	3-3	4-2
Bondi v. Gladesville	2-0	1-3
Yagoona v. Nepean	1-3	1-4
Queens Pk. v. Arncliffe	2-1	2-2
Greenwich v. N. B'town	7-1	1-2
SECOND DIVISION		
Syd. Uni. v. Toongabbie	1-4	0-2
Artarmon v. S. Sydney	2-0	3-1
Riverstone v. Eastwood	2-1	2-3
Maroubra v. Mac. Uni.	2-1	3-1
Auburn v. W. St. Geo.	0-3	2-2
Dee Why, bye.		
THIRD DIVISION		
Thornleigh v. Kogarah	1-4	1-2
Fairfield-Kiev v. Revesby	2-4	0-2
N. Ryde v. Canley H.	1-0	1-2
Baulk. H. v. Blacktown	3-1	5-1
Holroyd v. Earlwood	0-2	3-1
Lethbridge v. Padstow	1-3	0-5

This weekend's inter-suburban draw:

Saturday: Gladesville Ravens v. Greenwich — Peel Park; Nepean v. North Bankstown — Cook Park; Toongabbie v. Maroubra — Girraween Park; South Sydney v. Riverstone — Booralee Park; Dee Why v. Eastwood — Dee Why Oval; Earlwood v. Thornleigh — Hughes Park; Baulkham Hills v. Holroyd — Ted Horwood Reserve; Blacktown Spurs v. Padstow Park — Marayong Oval.

Sunday: Arncliffe RSL v. Blacktown Spartan — Arncliffe Park; Lane Cove v. Queens Park — Pottery Green; Yagoona v. West Ryde — O'Neil Park; Chelsea v. Bondi Marine — Moore Park; Macquarie University v. Auburn Juniors — Macquarie Oval; West St. George v. Artarmon — Evatt Park; Kogarah v. Fairfield-Kiev — Bexley Oval; Canley Heights v. Lethbridge — King Park; Revesbby Rovers v. North Ryde — Amour Park.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	3	1	—	3	0	7
JUST	3	1	—	9	1	7
SM-Hellas	2	2	—	4	2	6
Wilhelmina	2	1	1	8	1	5
George Cross	2	1	1	6	4	5
Hakoah	2	1	1	9	9	5
Melbourne	1	2	1	3	3	4
Juventus	1	1	2	3	8	3
Polonia	1	—	3	4	9	2
Alexander	1	—	3	2	5	2
Keilor	—	1	3	3	6	1
Box Hill	—	1	3	3	9	1

STOP PRESS

The World Cup qualifying tournament in Teheran (see Page 1) starts next Friday week, May 4, with North Korea v. Iran and Kuwait v. Syria.

Australian coach Rale Rasic is certain to travel to Teheran to watch some of the matches.

The eight-nation elimination tournament in Seoul kicks off on May 16 and will end on May 28.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fifth round State League fixtures coming up this weekend are as follows:

● Saturday: Austria v. George Cross; Wilhelmina v. Melbourne; Hakoah v. Box Hill.

● Sunday: Polonia v. Juventus; Alexander v. Slavia; JUST v. SM-Hellas.

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Last week's results: JUST 6 (Zoraja 3, Buljevic, Rnjak, Durand) d. Hakoah 1 (Micevski); SM-Hellas 3 (Gorrie, Armstrong, Little) d. George Cross 2 (Cunningham, Epifano); Alexander 1 (Racouvalis) d. Box Hill 0; Wilhelmina 4 (Alexander 2, Muskee, Thom) d. Juventus 0; Slavia 1 (Kent) d. Polonia 0; Melbourne 2 (Bentley, Palinkas) d. Austria 1 (Brown).

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Some sections of Sydney soccer who have been "crying" over the fact that their First Division attendances have dropped considerably to about 11,000-plus for their six weekend matches can be thankful they are not one of many of the State League sides in Melbourne who with the new season recently started are playing to such spartan crowds at their games that receipts don't even cover the cost of referees, linesmen, police and ground rental.

In fact, the attendances at some of the State League games have been so sparse, one can count the attendance with accuracy.

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Almost half a team of State League "stars" have already crossed the border and made the hop to Sydney this year.

Jim Mackay blazed the trail and he has since been followed by former colleagues Billy Vojtek, Vlado Horvath and Billy McArthur, all of Croatia, plus Peter Ollerton, of Wilhelmina.

But, of course, the ex-Croatia quartet would never have been allowed to transfer and the players themselves would no doubt have been quite happy to stay in Melbourne with Croatia had the club been in happier circumstances.

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Arthur Xantopoulos, the youthful 17-year-old South Melbourne Hellas defender who starred for the victorious under-16 side last year in the national championships and who has been out of action this season on account of an injury, may have to undergo a cartilage operation.

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Mirek Litwin, who starred for Polonia in goal until three years ago when he returned to his native Poland, recently arrived back in Australia to rejoin his former club here. Litwin's return, however, is a blow to the aspirations of the man who succeeded him — youthful Zbigniew Szalanski, who has held the fort well without having the best of support in front of him.

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Norm Davie, the Melbourne striker who broke his leg nearly two years ago and was recently pronounced fit, was bought by George Cross recently for a bargain price. Ironically for Melbourne, their former player was largely instrumental in George Cross defeating them by a single goal two weeks ago.

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Ian McDonald, the former Juventus 'keeper who has been understudy to Jack Reilly with Hakoah, has now been appointed assistant-coach to the Middle Park club under Sam Meyer.

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Henry Siwka, the free scoring Polonia centre-forward who spent most of last season with his company in Sydney and only flew down to Melbourne in the closing stages of last year's State League season to help his club get out of the relegation area, has not kicked a ball for his side so far through a dispute over money which at the time of writing had not been resolved.

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Alexander, whose sole non-Greek player last season was State side reserve 'keeper John Kennedy, have now added another two Scots to make it a tartan trio. And the Scottish imports — defender Vince Bannon and winger Ian Gibson — have already proved they will be real assets to this club who have struggled all their years in the State League.

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John Hagar, who has been with Box Hill since a boy and has given them about 20 years service at schoolboy, youth and senior level, has according to the Box Hill management now retired from the game.

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POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

SALVATION STILL FAIR WAY OFF FOR ADRIGAN'S BRIGADE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Granville's news sheet at their home encounter with Safeway United last Saturday reminisced over their 1948 team. In that year Eric Hulme, now a "Herald" judge, was socking away the goals (five in the two games mentioned) against players of the undoubted calibre of Bobby Bignall, Bob Young, Tommy Rowles, Eric Duff, Charlie Stewart, Jimmy Cunningham and Teddy Drain.

There was Billy Henderson, Georgie Sanders and Alan Garside on the Magpie list, and that great ball distributor Billy Adamson for more than good measure.

But enough of that — just a few crashing shots from "Ecka" Hulme, were it possible, would have been sufficient to sway last Saturday's outing against Safeway in Granville's favor.

As it was, Granville's early chances went a-begging. One was a miss from John Bijkerk, who had lost his shooting boots.

Another ball went rolling across Safeway's goalmouth crying "Please hit me!", but alas, with nary a defender in sight the plea fell on deaf ears.

The same plaintive note was struck in the second half when Bijkerk spoiled a dangerous run with a weak shot, and the wail reached the very heavens when Chris Spilarewicz thumped his penalty shot out onto Parramatta Road, after Peter Wilson had conveniently fouled in the box.

This was a Granville team which was thankfully striking notes octaves above their performance against Hakoah at Wentworth Park the previous week.

But, as the Granville officials must concede, the band's tune is just not quite good enough.

The query as to whether Denes Adrigan's crew will remain in First Division lingers ominously above their heads.

FAIR DEFENCE

On last week's performance their defence is just able to get by.

Brian Taylor is no slouch between the sticks, and in fact will go much better if the cover becomes more purposeful.

Tony Edwards, promoted to captain, revels in work. It was a measure of Safeway's tameness in attack that he could stay up front to help try to press home some of the attacks.

Tim O'Maye, placed on Adrian Alston's back by Granville coach Denes Adrigan, handled his assignment with unexpected ease.

Only occasionally did Alston break out of the O'Maye grip.

A little more attention to the ball rather than to the player could help O'Maye to become more constructive, I thought.

Encouraged by the whole Granville team, young Henry Williams as a fill-in fullback came out of the game as one of the successes of the day.

Dick Wilson fought hard, but the transition from Brisbane to Sydney is a marked one and he will have to read the game more positively to make the grade.

Billy Fraser did well in spurts, but Chris Spilarewicz is not so prominent in the midfield striking role as he was with Auburn on the wing.

Maybe he will settle, but never in a million years will he pick up enough goals to get Granville on the road unless he gets better service from the midfield.

Perhaps this department can be improved when Ian Raeburn returns to the defence.

Resolute Ray Gardiner would stroke the ball out well if re-located in a defensive midfield role, giving the forwards the balls they now lack.

For Granville some $15,000-20,000 in transfer fees has produced heart but no certainty of retention of First Division status.

TEAM of the WEEK

MAHER (Sutherland)

CURRAN (Wests) — ACKERLEY (Croatia)

MARNOCH (Hakoah)

WATKISS (Hakoah) — RICHARDS (Marconi)

FLETCHER (Hakoah) — BAARTZ (Hakoah)

RUTHERFORD (Hakoah) — McDONALD (Auburn) — O'CONNOR (Pan Hellenic)

Sydney Third Division

McCulloch stars for Marrickville

Former Pan Hellenic midfield star George McCulloch helped Marrickville to a 3-2 win over highly fancied Revesby Workers at Mackey Park last Sunday.

George cracked in a goal, with Robbie Henshaw and Dudley Gould the other scorers for the winners.

Riverside continued on the winning way with a 1-0 win over Belmore.

David Williams celebrated his return to the first team, taking a good header in the 44th minute after fullback Jack Besseling moved upwing and centred.

Belmore came back strongly with the wind in the second half, but found Riverside's defence just too strong.

Noel Telfer missed a penalty, a close shave, as the ball hit the inside of the post and came back into play.

Out at Seymour Shaw Park, Ku-ring-gai fielded a young team and came out 1-0 winners over West Sutherland in a close fought encounter.

Tom Stein scord from the spot after Ku-ring-gai was awarded a penalty for handball.

Seventeen-year-old Robbie Turner had a good match, holding his ground well against West's experienced Gerry Hood.

Last week's results:

Wenty v. Arncliffe S.	2-3	2-4
Riverside v. Belmore	1-0	1-2
W. Suth. v. K'gai	0-1	3-4
Warr. v. Cam'town	5-2	8-0
NSW Uni. v. Concordia	1-0	10-1
Marrickville v. Revesby	3-2	4-1

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Warringah — Cahill Park, Concordia v. Marrickville — Mahony Oval.

Sunday: Belmore v. Wenty — Rudd Park, West Sutherland v. Rapid — Seymour Shaw Park, NSW Uni. v. Campbelltown — David Phillips Field, Kuringai v. Revesby Workers — Acron Oval.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Meet the players

GREG GOODFELLOW

(SAFEWAY UNITED)

For most lads who finally make their places in First Division teams the transition from the local district team is normally a long, drawn out affair, full of pitfalls along the way.

The opposite is the case for Greg Goodfellow, Safeway United's 19-year-old striker.

In the middle of last season he was trudging along in Corrimal's Illawarra district club; next minute he was snapped up by South Coast and deposited holus bolus directly into their first team.

Greg filled the vacancy, and as the re-christened Safeway grows in strength he has the job of holding his place and improving on his natural skills.

A prolific scorer in the Illawarra competition, Safeway fans are hoping that his shooting confidence will return, as he could add to the team's firepower.

ENJOYMENT

Greg allows that he stayed in Illawarra football rather than coming up through South Coast lower teams simply because he thoroughly enjoyed the sport there.

Less exposed to more skilful players, he now has the job of accustoming himself to thinking and acting quicker, and to the harder training which he admits already has him twice as fit as before.

Bill Daly was his capable coach through junior ranks with Corrimal, and his team won in all grades except under-16 years along the way.

Then with Corrimal Rangers he was coached by former international and powerhouse forward Teddy Drain, together with former Corrimal player "Dookie" Burns.

The team reached the Illawarra grand final in 1970, but Greg had to be content with being runners-up to 2-0 winner Bellambi.

HEART-BALM

There was plenty of heart-balm in winning the popular League's Club Cup in both 1970 and 1971.

The Cup is most popular, and draws crowds of over 2,000 to the finals.

In schools football he had represented Illawarra District soccer at primary level, and then tried his hand as a Rugby League forward in high school.

This year will provide the big test, and there are plenty of fans down Woonona and Corrimal way who will be keen to encourage him to make a secure niche for himself with the Safeway team.

— KEITH GILMOUR

LEADING SCORERS

J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	**6**
A. AINSLIE (Wests)	4
P. OLLERTON (APIA)	4
M. TOLSON (Marconi)	4

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 13,094 (15,636).

Average per match: 2,182 (2,696).

Attendance after 5 rounds: 60,169 (75,230).

Weekly average attendance: 12,034 (15,046).

● In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	St. George	Marconi	APIA	Hakoah	Yugal	Auburn	Pan Hellenic	Safeway	Wests	Croatia	Sutherland	Granville
St. George	●				4-0	1-1	0-2					
Marconi		●					5-1		1-1			1-0
APIA	1-0	1-3	●	2-6								
Hakoah				●	2-0			1-0				7-0
Yugal					●			1-1	2-1		0-0	
Auburn			3-2			●			0-0			
Pan Hellenic						2-4	●		0-2	2-2		
Safeway								●		1-1	4-2	
Wests	1-5								●			
Croatia			1-3							●	1-0	
Sutherland		0-0		0-0							●	
Granville						1-2		0-2		1-1		●

BIG GAME DIARY

A.P.I.A. v. Hakoah

1 min.: Racing down the left wing, Keddie cuts the ball along the ground to Rutherford who has the ball at the back of the APIA net before the defence can gather its wits. 1-0.

3 min.: Rooney's cross from the byeline is almost deflected past goalie Nuttridge, who, somehow, manages to pull the ball down to safety.

8 min.: George Keith brings Keddie down in the 18 metres for a penalty. Joe Fletcher converts the spot-kick. 2-0.

11 min.: A solo run by Fletcher down the right wing, who crosses to Keddie, whose flying header is over the bar.

21 min.: Ollerton's head connects with Blues' centre, but referee McKenzie awards Hakoah a freekick for a foul on Nuttridge and APIA's first chance of the match comes to nothing.

31 min.: A "hot" situation for Fuzes, under pressure from Marnoch's header, then Baartz, at whose feet he must dive to push the ball away.

34 min.: Rutherford puts his phenomenal speed to use to race away from three APIA defenders before coolly dribbling around Fuzes for his second goal. 3-0.

36 min.: Nuttridge misses the ball, which comes out to Pollard, who muffs the simplest of goals by shooting from six metres over the bar.

40 min.: Rooney's long pass finds Pollard on the right wing. Pollard's cross is dropped by Nuttridge at the feet of Ollerton and the ex-Wilhelmina striker gratefully accepts the gift to slam the ball home. 3-1.

SECOND HALF

49 min.: Fletcher scores in a scrimmage in front of goal after several colleagues had tried their luck unsuccessfully. 4-1.

53 min.: While going up for a high ball with Ollerton a Hakoah defender appears to handle the ball but the referee gives a cornerkick instead.

54 min.: Fuzes tips Watkiss' 35-metre drive over the bar.

57 min.: In the space of 30 seconds Fuzes saves brilliantly off Baartz and Fletcher.

66 min.: Fekete passes to Fletcher whose flick of the head sends the ball to Keddie's feet, and from 15 metres the Hakoah striker scores with a ground shot. 5-1.

72 min.: Russell hooks the ball into the goalmouth where Watkiss, trying to control the ball for his goalie, only succeeds in lobbing the ball over Coe's head for an own goal. 5-2.

75 min.: Fletcher's dazzling 40-metre run beats several defenders but his shot is blocked by McGhee.

77 min.: Watkiss makes amends by picking up a well-excuted "dummied" freekick to score with a hard shot from 14 metres. 6-2.

78 min.: Keddie hits the upright, then seconds later his volley misses by centimetres only.

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Granville

0 (0)

WESTS

8 (4)

Moores 24, 47, 53 and 78 mins., Bacon 27 and 30 mins., Ainslie 39 min., T. Smith 62 min.

Hakoah

0 (0)

Marconi

1 (0)

Richards 54 min.

Sutherland

1 (0)

Perry 66 min.

St. George

1 (1)

Abonyi 38 min. (penalty).

Safeway

1 (0)

Burnett 46 min.

Auburn

1 (1)

Menzies 3 min.

Croatia

1 (0)

Harris 70 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (1)

Yaager (own goal) 26 min.

A.P.I.A

2 (2)

Keith 2 min. (penalty), McGovern 37 min.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

B. Taylor 3, Van Blerk 3, Selfridge 3 (O'Maye 53 min), Mellish 3, T. Edwards 3, Gardiner 3, R. Wilson 2, Gilmour 3, Spilarewicz 3, Frazer 4, Vrolyks 2 (Di Santi 60 min.).

TOTAL: 32. **Coach: B. Williamson**

Match rating: ✤ ✤ ✤

Eaton 3, Curran 4, Gray 4, Ferguson 4, Smyth 3, Byles 4, Bacon 4, T. Smith 4, **Moores 5**, Ainslie 4, Turner 3.

TOTAL: 42. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Coe 4, Fekete 4, G. Brown 4, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Coton 3, Watson 4, Fletcher 4, Morrow 2, O'Connor 3 (De Melo 79 min.), Silva 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Match rating: ✤ ✤ ✤

Rorke 4, Robertson 3, Moschen 4, **Kinnell 5**, Roche 3 (Mihajlevic 87 min.), **Richards 5**, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 3, Tolson 3, Griffiths 3, Burns 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Maher 5, Cacciola 5, Wykes 4, Bennett 4, Darvill 3, Perry 4, Mackay 3, McKnight 3, G. Clarke 3, Lavin 4, Trail 3 (Bourke, second half 3).

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: ✤ ✤ ✤ ✤

Fraser 4, G. Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Juhasz 4, **Stoddart 5**, N. Morgan 3 (Herron 74 min.), Abonyi 4, Warren 3, Hamilton 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Glover 3, **Roberts 5**, Wilson 3, Gleeson 3, Tuckerman 4, Walker 4, Fryer 3, Dodd 3 (replaced Dunlop 25 min.), McKinnon 3, Alston 2, Burnett 4.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Match rating: ✤ ✤ ✤

Williamson 3, Lawson 4, McMillan 4, **Malone 5**, Hughes 3, Hucker 4, Menzies 3, Barnes 3, McDonald 4, Rogers 2, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 37. **Coach: T. Anderson.**

Corry 3, Wignall 3, Yaager 2, Susa 4, Brady 4, Nixon 3, Vojtek 3, **Doyle 5**, D. Smith 4, M. Harris 4, Babic 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: L. Scheinflug.**

Match rating: ✤ ✤ ✤ ✤

Tuinman 4, Trkulja 3, Boskovski 4, Velkovski 3, Rudic 4, Rootsey 4, J. Alagich 4, Mihajlovic 3, Waters 3, Takac 3 (Harcombe 70 min.), Ile 3 (Nacinovic 59 min.).

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: L. Baumgartner.**

McQuire 4, Keith 3, Bakaric 4, M. Clarke 3, McArthur 3, Russell 4, T. Butler 3, McGovern 4 (Deller 80 min.), Ollerton 3, **Rooney 5**, Pollard 2.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✤ ✤ ✤

Maglis 4, Fieldhouse 3, Palmer 4, Barboutis 4, Bell 4, Culledon 3, Muniz 3, Izatt 3, Harding 3, Magill 3, O'Connor 2.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Wests took 24 minutes to score their first goal, and from then on they piled them on at better than one every 10 minutes. Their midfield grafted well, the rearguard was taut and shipshape, and the forwards were probing and scoring. It is difficult to think just when Granville built up one dangerous scoring chance. They came out as game as turkeycocks, but football is more than that. Two of Ian Moores' goals were memorable. For the second he slammed a high left-foot shot which clipped the crossbar as it flew in. The third he pushed past the distraught Taylor, skipped around the other side to collect the ball and ram it in. For Granville the standard was so mediocre that it could only be classed as relegation quality.

Crowd: 643. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Keith Gilmour

Despite a couple of lucky escapes, Marconi deserved to take home the two points. They looked more purposeful from the start and created more scoring chances in the 90 minutes. Hakoah took the field with one of its weakest, least talented line-ups for a long time. With THAT team defeat was inevitable. Marconi were not all that brilliant, but at least they played with a well set plan of defence and counter-attack. It was all Marconi in the first 20 minutes when they could have put the issue already beyond doubt. The industrious Ray Richards has scored better goals, but few more important than the 30-metre drive which put Marconi at the top of the table — for the first time in the club's First Division history. The only bright spot for Hakoah was the promising debut of their Scottish winger, Watson — a name you'll hear more of.

Crowd: 3,112. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Lou Gautier

Sutherland almost scored a shock win in a very entertaining match, which kept the crowd on its toes right up to the final whistle. Saints, though they were not comfortable at any stage, seemed to be doing just well enough to win before Steve Perry's 66th minute equaliser. Abonyi had scored from the spot in the 38th minute after Mackay handled in his area. Perry's goal transformed the game and only a magnificent save by Jim Fraser in the final minutes denied Sutherland the two points. Alan Maher made two memorable saves off John Warren in the first half — a major factor in Sutherland's draw. Joe Cacciola was a revelation in the Sutherland defence. His tackling and distribution were superb and he may have found his niche at fullback. St. George saw plenty of the ball, especially for the first 30 minutes, but showed little understanding throughout.

Crowd: 2,034. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Lincoln Walters

The result satisfied both teams as neither was able to settle down right through the game. Frank Malone was the outstanding player on the field although he was given tons of room by the Safeway midfielders. Auburn striker Bill Rogers was never a threat: for the whole 90 minutes he was effectively bottled up by a tight-marking United defence where Roberts played exceptionally well. By the same token, Safeway's top striker, Adrian Alston, also had a shocker and he will have to work much harder to make himself useful. Everyone was surprised that in a match which was by no means rough the referee still saw fit to book seven players and generally spoil the game with incessant whistling for alleged fouls.

Crowd: 2.787. **Referee: B. Wilkinson.**

— Peter Schumacher

A fine match, enjoyed by a well-conducted crowd. Croatia, the more fluent side by a touch, deserved a draw if not a win. There was no certainty of even a point until the inspired Mike Harris pulled off an overhead kick which bounced past the dismayed Jan Tuinman in the 70th minute. Even then the chances were that Yugal's Joe Alagich could elude the utterly unpolished tackles of Dennis Yaager, and Laurie Water's shot was beautifully held by Corry with two minutes remaining. Waters, incidentally, looked twice the player when he moved to the wing. Throughout the game the tall Souths trio, John Doyle, Derek Smith and Mike Harris were a real power. Doyle constantly made openings and used the ball intelligently in probably his best showing of the year.

Crowd: 4,011. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Keith Gilmour

Pan Hellenic had an unlucky start when only two minutes after the kick-off they were one goal down through a penalty. But they had their chances to even up, including a penalty which they failed to convert. APIA were undoubtedly the aggressor in this game; they moved faster and were more constructive thanks to the abounding energy of Jim Rooney, who won the midfield for his side almost single-handed. Rooney laid on numerous scoring opportunities and kept APIA on the offensive. It must have been a great disappointment for those supporters who went to see "specialist" strikers Dave O'Connor of Pan Hellenic, and Peter Ollerton of APIA, in action as both were pretty well subdued and blotted out of the game.

Crowd: 4,281. **Referee: T. Faraone.**

— Charles Spiteri

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	7	3	—	21	8	17
Hakoah	6	3	1	29	5	15
Wests	7	1	2	30	8	15
Croatia	6	3	1	17	9	15
Marconi	4	2	4	20	19	10
St. George	3	3	4	14	15	9
Safeway	4	1	5	17	29	9
Yugal-Prague	3	2	5	13	19	8
Auburn	2	4	4	16	25	8
Pan Hellenic	3	1	6	11	20	7
Sutherland	1	2	7	12	21	4
Granville	1	1	8	9	27	3

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	6	3	1	25	13	15
Auburn	6	2	2	22	10	14
Wests	6	2	2	19	9	14
Marconi	5	3	2	21	13	13
Granville	4	3	3	16	13	11
Sutherland	4	3	3	11	10	11
Hakoah	4	2	4	15	15	10
Pan Hellenic	4	1	5	18	22	9
St. George	2	4	4	16	15	8
Safeway	3	1	6	8	17	7
Yugal-Prague	2	2	6	12	23	6
Croatia	1	—	9	4	22	2

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	6	2	1	25	9	12
Balgownie	6	2	1	16	8	12
Melita	5	1	2	14	6	11
Rosebery	5	1	2	21	13	11
Enmore	5	—	3	16	14	10
Manly	4	1	3	17	14	9
Polonia	4	1	3	12	20	9
Bankstown	3	—	5	10	13	6
NS-Inter	3	—	5	9	18	6
Corinthians	1	2	5	8	15	4
Guildford	2	—	6	14	23	4
Northern Dist.	—	2	6	7	16	2

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	8	—	—	28	5	16
Manly	7	—	1	23	8	14
Bankstown	5	2	1	23	11	12
NS-Inter	6	—	2	12	4	12
Balgownie	4	—	4	21	14	8
Northern Dist.	3	2	3	12	7	8
Guildford	3	1	4	12	11	7
Polonia	2	2	4	9	18	6
Rosebery	2	1	5	12	22	5
Melita	1	2	5	12	14	4
Corinthians	2	—	6	14	20	4
Enmore	—	—	8	4	37	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	8	—	—	24	2	16
Manly	7	—	1	22	3	14
Bankstown	6	1	1	29	5	13
Northern Dist.	6	1	1	23	8	13
Guildford	5	—	3	36	11	10
Corinthians	3	1	4	11	16	7
Balgownie	3	—	5	16	20	6
Canterbury	2	1	5	14	17	5
Melita	2	—	6	12	22	4
Rosebery	2	—	6	9	30	4
NS-Inter	1	—	7	9	35	2
Enmore	1	—	7	5	42	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	7	—	1	20	7	14
Revesby	6	1	1	25	10	13
Ku-ring-gai	5	2	1	27	10	12
Marrickville	5	2	1	21	13	12
Arncliffe	5	—	3	12	10	10
W. S'land	3	1	4	10	10	7
Uni. NSW	2	3	3	13	17	7
Belmore	2	2	4	13	15	6
Warringah	2	2	4	16	21	6
C'town	1	2	5	9	24	4
Concordia	1	2	5	6	22	4
Wenty	—	1	7	10	23	1

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	6	1	1	20	15	13
West Ryde	4	2	2	31	17	10
Gladesville	5	—	3	23	14	10
Greenwich	3	3	2	28	19	9
Bondi	3	3	2	17	13	9
Chelsea	3	3	2	17	16	9
Yagoona	3	3	2	13	12	9
Queens Park	4	1	3	14	17	9
Blacktown	2	4	2	21	18	8
Arncliffe	2	4	2	17	17	8
N. Bankstown	—	2	6	8	22	2
Lane Cove	—	—	8	8	37	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverstone	6	1	—	27	14	13
Toongabbie	6	—	1	30	7	12
Artarmon	4	1	2	21	15	9
Sydney Uni.	3	2	1	16	10	8
South Sydney	2	3	3	16	16	7
Maroubra	2	2	3	23	21	6
W. St. George	3	—	4	17	16	6
Macquarie Uni.	2	—	3	11	14	4
Auburn Jnr.	1	1	4	10	23	3
Eastwood	1	1	5	13	28	3
Dee Why	1	1	5	13	30	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	7	—	1	38	13	14
Baulkham Hills	5	2	1	15	12	12
Revesby R.	5	1	2	30	18	11
Fairfield	4	1	3	19	17	9
North Ryde	3	2	3	15	15	8
Blacktown	4	—	4	16	21	8
Earlwood	3	1	4	15	12	7
Holroyd	3	1	4	16	14	7
Lethbridge	3	1	4	11	14	7
Kogarah	2	2	4	16	18	6
Thornleigh	1	2	5	9	33	4
Canley Hts.	—	1	6	7	20	3

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Granville v. Wests	1-3	1-2
Croatia v. Yugal-Pr.	0-0	1-2
Hakoah v. Marconi	5-1	3-5
Safeway v. Auburn	4-2	0-2
Sutherland v. St. George	2-1	1-1
APIA v. Pan Hellenic	2-0	3-3

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

C'bury v. B'gownie	1-1	2-1	1-2
NS-Inter v. Enmore	0-3	3-0	1-4
Rosebery v. G'ford	3-1	0-3	0-7
Melita v. Manly	0-2	0-3	0-1
Corins. v. B'town	1-2	2-3	0-5
Polonia v. N. Dist.	1-0	1-1	2-1

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

ROSEBERY LOOMING AS BIG THREAT

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The three joint-leaders dropped points last weekend, the biggest surprise being Melita Eagles' defeat by Manly at Mona Park.

With Melita beaten and Balgownie and Canterbury drawing 1-1, another threat has emerged in the form of newcomers Rosebery, who shouldn't be under-estimated.

Highlights of last weekend's games:

Canterbury v. Balgownie 1-1

Balgownie lived up to its tradition by playing their best football against promotion-seekers Canterbury at Arlington Oval.

The Magpies played hard, but constructive soccer, particularly in the first half when they dominated the proceedings after scoring their goal inside the first two minutes.

However, the Berries came back in the second half for Ray Pocock to crack in the equaliser in the 60th minute and he would have scored again two minutes later but for a fine save by goalkeeper Holbrow.

Canterbury: Demopoulos, Greg Brown, Hardy, Henderson (Harris), J. Xipolitas, H. Xipolitas, Welton, Whitehead (Angelopoulos), Pocock (1), Mullen, Ross Brown.

NS-Inter v. Enmore 0-3

After a lucky "let-off" in the first half when fullback Zeras cleared off the line with the goalkeeper well beaten, Enmore outpaced their opponents to finish right on top.

Using the speed of their wingers, Enmore were most dangerous when in possession in attack.

Inter, despite their experience, could not penetrate the sound Enmore defence where centre-half Gary Brooks had an outstanding game for the winners.

Enmore: Vlotis, Papadopoulos, Zeras, Ariola, Brooks, Anassis, Demos, Parkin, Smith, Berdes (3), Kostakis (Koudounis).

Rosebery v. Guildford 3-1

Three goals in a space of six minutes early in the first half gave Rosebery another useful win which keeps them up with the leaders.

Rosebery took their chances well and deserved to take both points.

Guildford scored first within five minutes but then made several defensive blunders on which Rosebery capitalised.

In the second half Guildford mounted several attacks but they lack finish up front.

Rosebery: G. Tsingolis, Young, Koukis, Mouhtaris, Vlahos, Blue, Turner ((1), Howard (1), N. Tsingolis (1), Matthews, Gregoras.

Guildford: McKechnie, Parle, McDougall, Schofield, Lowe, Brewin, Griffiths, Coleman (1), Christie, E. Williams (Clout), Robinson.

Polonia v. Nth. Districts 1-0

Playing with ten men for two-thirds of the game, Polonia still managed to contain the struggling Northern Districts.

Wojtek Polewski scored after 20 minutes in the first half, but then received his marching orders minutes later for alleged rough play.

Yet, Northern Districts still could not score. They moved the ball well in midfield, but their shooting was atrocious and only good goalkeeping by John McDonald saved Norths from a bigger defeat as on their breakaways Polonia were always dangerous.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Wills, Lovic, Mratenkovic, Cicchini, Zounis, Minol, Polewski (1), Prokurat, Hughes (Komoder).

Northern Districts: McDonald, McDermott, Consentino, Scott, Hughes, Tucker, Burtenshaw, Dodd, Brown, Mclean, Belgre.

Melita Eagles v. Manly 0-2

Manly struck their best form of the season in an exciting game watched by more than 1,000 people.

Manly winger Alan Crawford played an outstanding game for his team, tearing gaps in the Eagles defence which was at sixes and sevens for most of the match.

The goals were scored one in each half, but Manly held the upper hand throughout as Melita struggled to hold their enthusiastic and more constructive opponents out.

Melita: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Henrietty, D. McAusland, Duffy, Minor, (Molyneaux), C. McAusland, Buxton, Dougan, McDougall (Bankhead).

Manly: Woods, Tapp, Dunwell (1), Allen, Hutchinson, Stocks, A. Crawford, Gosling, Bowley (1), Mallam, Waller.

Corinthians v. Bankstown 1-2

The "Towns" led 1-0 at halftime, but a banana shot by Johnny Giacometti seven minutes after the interval brought up an unexpected equaliser for Corinthians.

However, after a short lapse, Bankstown went into top gear again to score the winner with plenty of time to spare.

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Revley, Mack, Stevenson, Bloor, Stevens, Griffiths, Giacometti (1), Harrison, Preumetico.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Penman, Watts, Beater, Gippert (1), McMahon (1), Paterson, Grzelak.

THIS WEEK

There will be only one game this weekend between Manly and Enmore at Inman Park.

And this could be a bottler for Second Division fans now that Manly have finally started to click and with Enmore in top form.

Our tip: Manly to win.

Wales win Uni. title

University of NSW last week won the Australian Inter-Varsity championship in Adelaide.

Wales beat Adelaide University 8-0 in the final after beating Monash (Victoria) 3-2 in the semifinal (in the other semi Adelaide defeated Queensland University 2-1).

Coached by former top referee, Harold Parsons, Wales were worthy winners.

They also won their group and scored 27 goals and conceded four only during the series.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the ninth round to be played off this weekend are as follows:

● **Saturday:** Polonia v. Wilhelmina, Alexander v. Austria, Box Hill v. Juventus.

● **Sunday:** Hakoah v. George Cross, JUST v. Melbourne, Slavia v. SM-Hellas.

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Last week's State League results: SM-Hellas 1 ((McIntyre) d. Wilhelmina 0, JUST 1 (Zoraja) v. Juventus 1 (Webster), George Cross 1 (Cunningham) d. Alexander 0, Melbourne 1 (Manson) v. Hakoah 1 (Clarey), Polonia v. Austria 0-0, Slavia 2 (Train, McCallum) d. Box Hill 0.

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The first main round of the Dockerty Cup is scheduled to be played off as four double-headers at the following grounds on the Queen's Birthday holiday (Monday June 4): Olympic Park, Middle Park, Jubilee Park and Schintler Reserve. Metropolitan League sides Mooroolbark, Albion Rovers, Ferntree Gully and St. Albans are the four qualifiers from the Metro and Country Leagues to line-up with the 12 State League clubs for the kick-off.

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Veteran Boulas Kamboropolous, who gave many years of good service to South Melbourne-Hellas, is now playing with Alexander.

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Graham Morgan, a most recent acquisition for Melbourne and who has taken over from Charlie Odri in goal, comes from Acker Bilk country — Somerset in England.

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Bad Luck for Hakoah defender Barry Fletcher who only recently returned to the club after a spell back in England. Barry has developed cartilage trouble and may be sidelined for the rest of this season.

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Charlie Degura, who has recently made the George Cross first team, is a brother of the club secretary, Paul. Another brother, Manny, was Box Hill's first team 'keeper until recently displaced by Jim Davies, while yet another brother, Joe, is coach of First Division side Altona City. The Degaura brothers could be unique as a quartet in Australian soccer.

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Doug Hilton, who played many years for Sunshine City and is now secretary of the club, is a member of the Victorian Police Force.

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Tony Boggi, who coached Juventus to their triple success of 1970 and who has since had spells with Frankston City and Austria, is back as team boss of Juventus, who continue to bring the changes in this post at an amazing rate.

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One of the pleasant surprises of State League soccer so far has been the brilliant form shown by veteran Tom Carmichael in the Wilhelmina goal. Tom, who had retired, was recalled for the Ampol Cup when regular 'keeper Nick Van Egmond demanded better terms and was promptly sidelined by the club's refusal.

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Less than two weeks after they first made contact with him, Ian Williams, a goalkeeper from Glasgow has arrived in Melbourne to join South Melbourne-Hellas. Williams, who stands over the six-foot mark is 25, single, was a Scottish schoolboy and amateur international.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

RIVERSTONE SHOOTS TO SECOND DIVISION LEAD

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Riverstone shot to the top of the Second Division table with a remarkable 4-1 win over neighbors Toongabbie at Schofields Park last Sunday.

In a "needle" match before an excellent attendance, Riverstone's Milan Milanovic converted a penalty and Gerry Kuilder's corner was headed in by Leo Vanderburg, giving the team a 2-0 halftime advantage.

Vanderburg had his team racing away to a 3-0 lead in the 58th minute as he pounced on to the ball to score in the left-hand corner after a defensive error.

Billy Polkinghorne pulled one back for Toongabbie after John White had organised the lead-up work.

Milan Milanovic netted his second penalty of the match after a hotly disputed decision, leaving Riverstone jubilant 4-1 winners.

RAVENOUS!

Gladesville Ravens accounted for classy Chelsea by 2 goals to 1 at Peel Park in a match which Gladesville's former First Division player Joe Kendal described as "one of the best Inter-Suburban matches for years."

It took Gladesville 40 minutes to score with Kevin Longmuir hitting a long ball from the left wing which the Chelsea 'keeper pushed into his own net.

Chelsea came storming back in the second period, squaring the score in the 70th minute, but Gladesville's Stephen Woods won the game with a long solo run followed up with an 18 metre drive.

Captain-coach Digby Parkin and John Seymour in goal reigned supreme in a necessarily tight Gladesville defence.

ZEMAN OUT

West Ryde, without former World Cup defender David Zeman who could be out for a month due to knee cartilage trouble, were pegged to a 2-2 draw at Francis Park.

Eddie Gielarowski, held back by the arm in the box, immediately converted the penalty.

Blacktown went ahead at 2-1 in the 59th minute, and the Rovers were in dire straits with Conroy dismissed from the park.

Then Dave Kerslake rose to a right-wing cross and headed a glorious equaliser.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Bondi v. Yagoona	0-0	1-0
Greenwich v. Lane Cove	6-3	7-0
Queens Park v. Nepean	2-3	2-0
Blacktown v. W. Ryde	2-2	0-4*
N. B'town v. Arncliffe	1-1	0-0
Gladesville v. Chelsea	2-1	1-0

SECOND DIVISION

S. Sydney v. W. St. Geo.	2-1	2-3
Maroubra v. Dee Why	3-4	1-1
Riverstone v. Toongabbie	4-1	1-2

THIRD DIVISION

Th'leigh v. Blacktown	4-0	2-7
N. Ryde v. Baulk. Hills	2-3	0-4
Padstow v. Kogarah	5-2	3-2
Canley H. v. Revesby	2-1	1-1
Fairfield v. Holroyd	2-2	1-3
Lethbridge v. Earlwood	1-0	1-2

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: West Ryde v. Bondi — Waud Showground, Nepean v. Chelsea — Cook Park, Toongabbie v. Eastwood — Girraween Park, Sydney Uni. v. Artarmon — Beaman Park, Dee Why v. West St. George — Dee Why Oval, Holroyd v. North Ryde — West Guildford Showground, Thornleigh v. Fairfield-Kiev — Thornleigh Oval, Blacktown Spurs v. Revesby Rovers — Marayong Oval.

Sunday: Arncliffe RSL v. Gladesville Ravens — Arncliffe Park, Lane Cove v. North Bankstown — Pottery Green, Yagoona v. Greenwich — O'Neill Park, Queens Park v. Blacktown Spartan — Queens Pk., Macquarie Uni. v. South Sydney — Macquarie Oval, Maroubra v. Auburn Juniors — Coral Sea Park, Kogarah v. Canley Heights — Evatt Park, Earlwood v. Padstow Pk. — Hughes Park, Baulkham Hills v. Lethbridge — Ted Horwood Reserve.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	6	2	—	18	3	14
Hellas	5	2	1	14	6	12
Hakoah	5	2	1	18	12	12
George Cross	4	3	1	13	5	11
Wilhelmina	4	2	2	15	2	10
Slavia	4	2	2	6	5	10
Melbourne	2	4	2	8	7	8
Polonia	2	3	3	7	11	7
Alexander	2	1	5	5	9	5
Juventus	1	2	5	4	14	4
Austria	—	2	6	4	20	2
Box Hill	—	1	7	6	24	1

SYDNEY AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results:

First Division: Glebe v. Fairfield 8-1, 5-2; Concord v. Broughton 3-1, 1-2; Uni. v. Maccabi 0-2, 3-2; Georges Hall v. Wests 3-4, 1-5; Joy v. Azzurri 3-1, 4-3. **Standings:** Glebe 12; Joy, Wests 8; Maccabi 7; Broughton, Uni. 6; Concord 5; Georges Hall 4; Azzurri 3; Fairfield 1.

Second Division: Haberfield v. Wenty 4-3, 3-1; Lidcombe v. Bank NSW 2-2; 1-3; Granville v. Olympic 1-2, 2-6; Ashcroft v. Apollo 8-2. 4-0; Arncliffe v. Bitola 3-1, 1-0. **Standings:** Arncliffe Mac. 11; Olympic 10; Bitola, Bank NSW 9; Ashcroft 8; Apollo 4; Lidcombe, Granville 3; Haberfield 2; Wenty .1

This weekend's draw:

Sunday, May 27: Wests v. Concord — Cintra Park; Georges Hall v. Uni. — Hanley Park; Maccabi v. Joy — Christison Park; Fairfield v. Azzurri — Knight Park; Broughton v. Glebe — Steel Park; Wenty v. Granville — Jones Park; Lidcombe v. Haberfield — Coleman Park; Bank NSW v. Ashcroft — Outer Wentworth Park; Olympic v. Arncliffe — Moore Park 6; Apollo v. Bitola — Moore Park 13.

Sydney Third Division

WORKERS ROMP HOME

Agressive Revesby Workers, favoring the long balls and holding sway over the midfield, took their chances well to clinch a 2-0 win over Arncliffe Scots at Milperra last Saturday.

Bram Jerrison struck a penalty for handball into the top right hand corner for Revesby's first goal, and then Glen Adams knocked the ball home in the midst of a goalmouth scrimmage.

Arncliffe were never in the event, and it was the veteran general David Cliss who contained the scoring.

Skipper Barry Roberts and John Cameron were superb in Revesby's defence.

Marrickville were two ahead at half time against Belmore, with George McCulloch laying it on for for Dudley Gould's cannonball drive.

Izzy McGill then blasted a goal from fully 35 metres out.

Gould came back with another goal from a Billy Prophert pass before Belmore scored to bring a final 3-1 count.

At Jones Park Wenty's long balls with the wind and offside trap had Ku-ring-gai mystified until they finally settled down.

Phil Lynch and Alan Wilson (2) sewed up Ku ring-gai's 3-0 when they got the measure of things.

Riverside led 2-1 at halftime against Warringah at Graham's Reserve with goals from Peter Erasmus and Adrian Smit.

The score went to 3-1, but second half replacement Mike Bell put the result beyond contention with an 86th minute goal.

Last week's results:

Revesby v. Arncliffe	2-0	0-3
Wenty v. Ku-ring-gai	0-3	0-0
Warringah v. Riverside	1-3	3-0
Marrickville v. Belmore	3-1	7-1
Concordia v. C'town	1-1	0-2

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Concordia — Cahill Park, Belmore v. Revesby Workers — Rudd Park.

● **All games scheduled for Sunday will be played on Monday, June 11 (Queens Birthday).**

— KEITH GILMOUR

JUNIOR RESULTS

INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U/14	U/15	U/16
G'ville v. Nepean	3-0	6-0	3-2
Manly v. Wests	1-3	2-3	4-0
St. Geo. v. Banks.	1-3	2-2	3-2
S. Dists. v. S'land	0-7	2-3	1-1
Ku-ring-gai	bye		

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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

TWENTY-SEVEN CHOSEN IN AUST. SQUAD

National selector-coach Rale Rasic this week announced a 27-man preliminary World Cup squad for the August matches against Iran.

The squad is: Jim Fraser (NSW), Allan Maher (NSW), Harry Williams (NSW), Dragan Utjesenovic (NSW), George Harris (NSW), Col Curran (NSW), Ray Richards (NSW), Col Bennett (NSW), John Russell (NSW), Jim Mackay (NSW), Jim Rooney (NSW), John McDonald (NSW), Ray Baartz (NSW), Attila Abonyi (NSW), Adrian Alston (NSW), Peter Ollerton (NSW), John Warren (NSW), Max Tolson (NSW), Ernie Campbell (NSW), Steve Perry (NSW), Terry Butler (NSW), Bill Rogers (NSW), Joe Alagich (NSW), Peter Wilson (NSW, Jimmy Milisavljevic (Victoria), Jack Reilly (Vic.) and Branko Buljevic (Vic.).

A final squad of 22 will be announced on July 19, of which only 18 will travel to Iran for the return match.

The NSW members started training this week.

They will be joined by the three Victorians on July 11 and 25 for matches against Victoria and Newcastle in Sydney.

There are no real surprises in the preliminary squad, which really picked itself.

Warren back

It's good to see John Warren and Terry Butler back in favor and encouraging for the future that Alan Maher, John Russell, Steve Perry, Colin Bennett and talented young Victorian goalie Jimmy Milisavljevic have also been included.

Joe Alagich's recognition is long overdue. His speed and bursts down the wing can render valuable services.

Col Curran and Jack Reilly, the "reluctant internationals", are perhaps lucky that Rale Rasic has forgiven their past "indiscretions."

South Australia's only national squad member, "Bugsy" Nyskohus, has missed selection and Western Australia, Newcastle and Queensland are still without representation. (Cont. p. 5)

John Warren twists every muscle in this bid to evade Yugal-Prague's two-man defensive wall of Ray Rootsey and Nick Boskovski (No 3).

No, your eyes are not deceiving you. A policeman IS on the field at Wentworth Park last Sunday. For the first time at a Sydney soccer First Division match police walked on to the pitch while a game was in progress. Two policemen walked over to investigate a punch-up between Max Tolson and Agenor Muniz, who is being administered for a broken nose in this photograph. At the end of a most unpleasant Pan Hellenic v. Marconi match spectators attacked Ray Richards and turned on Pan Hellenic coach John Kalageros. Police arrested one man.

BRAZILIAN ACES SURE TO PLEASE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Melbourne, on Sunday, and Sydney, next Wednesday, will see the crack Brazilian club, Cruzeiro, in action.

In the Cruzeiro Futbol Club, Australian fans will undoubtedly be seeing one of the most brilliant and entertaining teams in the world.

The famous club from Belo Horizonte will play Victoria at Olympic Park.

In Sydney their opponents at 8 p.m. at the Sportsground will be Hakoah, who will be reinforced for the big occasion by guest players Peter Osgood, of Chelsea, and Antonis Antoniadis, Panathinaikos' Greek international striker.

Antoniadis arrives in Sydney this Saturday, Osgood next Monday.

CRUZEIRO TOPS

This will be Cruzeiro's second visit to Australia.

In January 1972 they thrilled Victorian and Sydney fans with scintillating performances which had every one asking for more.

Thanks to Hakoah's splendid initiative, the Sydney public can have another look at the fabulous Brazilians next week.

Cruzeiro rate at present as one of the very top Brazilian teams.

Whereas Santos is decidedly passe, Cruzeiro is one of the country's leading clubs.

The team is loaded with talent, including the brilliant match-winning Dirceu Lopes, who scored Brazil's winning goal against West Germany in Berlin two weeks ago.

Eduardo, Ze Carlos and Perfumo, an Argentinian, are other players those who saw Cruzeiro crush Slovan Bratislava in Sydney last year look forward seeing again.

Hakoah deserve a big pat on the back for risking big money — Brazilian teams are not paid peanuts — to stage this match.

They deserve the bumper crowd they will certainly get weather permitting as it's not every day that Sydney fans have a chance to watch Brazilian football, justly rated the word's best in pure ball skill.

And just in case that wasn't enough to whet the appetite of every soccer fan, the early game at the Sportsground will be between "veterans" from the Commonwealth and the Rest.

Players like Leo Baumgartner, Rale Rasic, David Maclaren, Les Scheinflug and Tommy Anderson will be appearing (see Club Patrol, page 2).

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	10	3	3	33	12	23	4	2	2	15	6	10	6	1	1	18	6	13
Marconi	8	7	1	24	15	23	4	4	1	14	10	12	4	3	—	10	5	11
Wests	9	3	4	33	16	21	5	1	1	13	8	11	4	2	3	20	8	10
St. George	8	4	4	42	18	20	3	2	3	18	11	8	5	2	1	24	7	12
APIA	9	2	5	33	25	20	6	1	2	22	13	13	3	1	3	11	12	7
Auburn	5	6	5	25	24	16	3	3	2	12	10	9	2	3	3	13	14	7
Safeway	5	6	5	21	20	16	3	3	1	11	7	9	2	3	4	10	13	7
Yugal-Prague	5	6	5	17	18	16	4	3	1	13	6	11	1	3	4	4	12	5
Croatia	3	5	8	14	29	11	2	1	5	7	16	5	1	4	3	7	13	6
Sutherland	3	5	8	13	28	11	3	3	2	10	10	9	—	2	6	3	18	2
Pan Hellenic	4	2	10	19	35	10	2	1	5	11	19	5	2	1	5	8	16	5
Granville	2	1	13	15	49	5	—	1	7	5	22	1	2	—	6	10	27	4

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RESULTS & SCORERS

Sutherland

2 (1)

Lavin 32 min., Trail (penalty) 52 min.

Safeway

1 (1)

Bennett (own goal) 11 min.

WESTS

2 (0)

Ainslie 49 min. (penalty), Turner 90 min.

Auburn

1 (1)

McDonald 27 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (1)

Waters 34 min.

St. George

1 (1)

Abonyi 79 min.

Granville

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (1)

Barnes 9 and 57 mins.

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Harding 40 min. (penalty).

Marconi

2 (0)

Brajkovic 49 min., Tolson 60 min.

A.P.I.A

4 (3)

Ollerton 31 and 35 mins., Blues 13 min., T. Butler 55 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Maher 4, Perry 4, Wykes 4, Bennett 3, Darvill 4, Trail 4, Lavin 4, Byrne 4, Cacciola 2 (Cockburn, 2, second half), Degney 3, McKay 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Glover 3, Roberts 3, Wilson 3, Gleeson 4, Tuckerman 4, McKinnon 3, Fryer 3, McGrotty 2 (Piggott 72 min.), Dodd 3, Alston 3, Burnett 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: J. Harris.**

Eaton 3, Curran 4, Ferguson 3, Edmonds 4, Gray 3, Lindsay 4, Bacon 4, T. Smith 4, Moores 4, Ainslie 4, Turner 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

R. Taylor 3, Lawson 3, Hughes 3, Malone 3, McMillan 3, Hucker 3, Barnes 2, Keddie 4, **McDonald 5**, Rogers 4, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: N. Stiffle.**

Tuinman 3, Trkulja 4, Boskovski 4, Velkovski 4, Rudic 4, Rootsev 4, J. Alagich 3 (Ile 69 min.), Mihajlovic 4, Waters 3, Takac 4, Rutherford 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: S. Dacevski.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Fraser 5, G. Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Juhasz 3, Williams 4, Stoddart 4, Herron 3, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Hamilton 3 (B. Harris, second half, 3), Denton 3 (Treasure 69 min.).

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Kelly 4, Selfridge 3, O'Maye 4, T. Edwards 3, Gardiner 3, Spilarewicz 4, Glozier 2, Frazer 4, Gilmour 4, Spiekerman 2 (Marshall, second half, 3), Hann 2 (replaced 85 min. by Grubba).

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: B. Williamson**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Coe 4, Fekete 4, Davey 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, J. Mackay 3, Watson 4, Baartz 4, Fletcher 2, Barnes 3, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Maglis 4, Izatt 4, Palmer 4, Barbouttis 3, Bell 3, Stowell 3, Muniz 3, Blanco 3, Blankin 3, Harding 4, Buckley 4.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Rorke 4 (Murray 68 min.), Robertson 4, Moschen 4, Kinnell 4, Mihajlevic (sent off), **Richards 5, Brajkovic 5**, Campbell 3, Tolson 3, Griffith 3 (Samuel 80 min.), Burns 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Bakaric 3, Clarke 4, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 4, McArthur 3 (Callaghan 78 min.), **Ollerton 5, Rooney 5, T. Butler 5.**

TOTAL: 45. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Corry 3, Wignall 3, M. Harris 3, Brady 3, Yaager 2, Doyle 3, Nixon 3, Whalley 3, D. Smith 2 (Stewart 68 min.), Vojtek 3, Sullivan 2 (Huntley, 46 min. 3).

TOTAL: 31. **Coach: M. Kiss.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A convincing and thoroughly deserved victory for Sutherland against a very disappointing Safeway. Sutherland fought like mad after conceding Bennett's early own goal and were rewarded when Lavin's header beat goalie Glover in the 32nd minute. A disputed penalty seven minutes after half-time proved the match-winner. Roberts appeared to handle Wykes' shot unintentionally, but referee Frank Sbisa had no hesitation awarding the spot-kick, which Trail, one of the best players on the field, duly converted. Sutherland contained the visitors rather comfortably for the rest of the match, but just on full-time goalie Maher had to acrobatically tip a 30-metre left-footer by Brian Dodd over the bar. Safeway's lack of discipline was astonishing: most of their players kept shouting to each other for the entire game.

Crowd: 1,343. **Referee: F. Sbisa.**

— Lou Gautier

Auburn put in some of their best work in the first half, but the burden was unequally distributed with John McDonald apparently forced to do more than double his share. Wests were moving well as a unit but without the ability to make the final successful shot when John McDonald caught Alec Gray for speed and angled a shot in from a near impossible position all against the run of play. Some ginger came into the game at last when Ainslie slid in a goal, one build-up from Dave Keddie and Andy Tracey being finally missed by Billy Rogers' foot by a matter of inches. Then with a draw certain, Brian Turner's left foot sent the ball swinging past goalkeeper Roy Taylor's left hand for West's winner and two invaluable points.

Crowd: 845. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Keith Gilmour

A disappointing match well below expectations, marred by the windy conditions. Yugal-Prague were clearly the better team and only Abonyi's late equaliser — against the run of play — robbed them of a well deserved win. They utilised the wind to their advantage, were faster to the ball, more aggressive and combined well. Yugal had umpteen scoring chances and only Jim Fraser's great goal-keeping kept the score down. Apart from the first 10 minutes, when they mounted some dangerous attacks, Saints were well below par. They played a listless, disjointed game and again showed how badly they need a good striker.

Crowd: 2,075. **Referee: G. Warne.**

— Frank Jordan

Hakoah deservedly won an action-packed game, but they found Granville no easy prey as they did in the first round. Young Murray Barnes, coming into first grade after a spell in the Leeds United reserves, turned two half-chances into two goals to make up for the many sitters Hakoah missed, particularly Joe Fletcher and Ray Baartz. Fekete, Davey and Watkiss won a decided edge for Hakoah in midfield, but although Granville lacked skill they played with a lot of determination. Tim O'Maye gave a good performance against the ball-playing Joe Watson on the wing, who was easily Hakoah's most impressive forward. Spilarewicz, Fraser and Gilmour worked hard for the losers in a match which saw few shots at goal and fewer saves.

Crowd: 950. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Charles Spiteri

Marconi were rather lucky to get away with a win, but then they played with 10 men for most of the second half. They lost Mihajlevic in the 52nd minute. Cautioned once in the first half, he was sent off for deliberately handling the ball, thus incurring a second caution and an automatic expulsion. Pan Hellenic have only themselves to blame, not coach Kalageros, but their forwards who squandered so many chances, especially Muniz, who alone had three gilt-edged scoring opportunities. In an incident-packed game with nasty overtones a penalty was awarded, a player sent off, Rorke badly injured; Marconi scored the winning goal with only 10 men, police came on to the field of play, Muniz threw a fit and the referee dispensed cautions galore! Great second half performances by Brajkovic and Richards and clever tactical defence carried Marconi to victory.

Crowd: 1,783. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Lou Gautier

The APIA forwards arrived unheralded from every point of the compass to upset the Croatian defence continually throughout the game. George Blues' first goal pointed to things to come. A lightning strike set off by Mal Clarke and carried on by Terry Butler ended with the backs bunched together at one side of the net. A swift cross from Butler and unmarked Blues was in from the right without a hint of trouble. Jimmy Rooney's grafting and Terry Butler's ability to sense an opening fitted in with the entire team pattern to absolutely demoralise South Sydney. Right over everyone stood Peter Ollerton, now finding his feet and head in Sydney football. Apart from two glorious goals his all round play was a cut above any forward I have seen in Sydney this season. What more can one say than the APIA crowd was simply delighted.

Crowd: 2,894. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Keith Gilmour

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	11	3	2	47	14	25
APIA	10	4	2	32	16	24
Hakoah	9	5	2	38	8	23
Croatia	7	8	1	22	11	22
Marconi	6	3	7	30	27	15
Pan Hellenic	6	3	7	20	27	15
St. George	6	3	7	25	30	15
Auburn	3	8	5	25	34	14
Safeway	5	1	10	22	45	11
Sutherland	2	6	8	19	31	10
Granville	4	2	10	21	36	10
Yugal-Prague	3	2	11	15	34	8

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	11	3	2	41	16	25
APIA	8	6	2	32	19	22
Hakoah	10	2	4	29	16	22
Auburn	8	3	5	28	16	19
Sutherland	8	3	5	21	14	19
Wests	7	4	5	28	21	18
St. George	6	6	4	25	19	18
Granville	5	4	6	22	22	14
Yugal-Prague	5	3	8	21	32	13
Pan Hellenic	4	1	11	22	36	9
Safeway	4	1	11	12	34	9
Croatia	1	2	13	7	35	4

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	9	2	2	28	12	20
Canterbury	8	2	3	33	14	18
Manly	8	2	3	31	17	18
Rosebery	8	2	3	29	17	18
Melita Eagles	7	2	4	18	11	16
Enmore	6	2	5	19	22	14
Bankstown	5	1	7	17	20	11
Guildford	4	2	7	24	30	10
Polonia	4	2	7	18	32	10
NS-Inter	4	1	8	14	28	9
Corinthians	3	2	8	13	29	8
Nth. Districts	1	2	10	13	25	4

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	11	2	—	42	8	24
Manly	11	1	1	45	14	23
Bankstown	7	3	3	30	19	17
Balgownie	8	—	5	33	19	16
NS-Inter	8	—	5	15	12	16
Guildford	5	3	5	22	20	13
Nth. Districts	4	4	5	18	13	12
Melita Eagles	4	3	6	26	19	11
Polonia	3	4	6	14	25	10
Rosebery	3	2	8	16	30	8
Corinthians	2	1	10	18	38	5
Enmore	—	1	12	7	58	1

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	11	1	1	42	7	23
Manly	11	—	2	43	8	22
Polonia	11	—	2	36	8	22
Nth. Districts	10	1	2	35	13	21
Guildford	8	1	4	52	15	17
Balgownie	5	1	7	24	27	11
Canterbury	4	2	7	26	25	10
Corinthians	4	2	7	16	29	10
Melita Eagles	4	1	8	20	34	9
Rosebery	2	1	10	10	49	5
NS-Inter	1	2	10	13	50	4
Enmore	1	—	12	6	61	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	12	—	1	32	8	24
Ku-ring-gai	9	2	2	38	14	20
Revesby W.	9	1	3	38	19	19
Marrickville	7	3	3	33	22	17
W. Sutherland	8	1	4	20	12	17
Arncliffe	7	—	6	19	17	16
Uni. of NSW	5	3	5	23	28	13
Belmore	3	3	7	20	31	9
Warringah	2	3	8	22	35	7
Campbelltown	2	2	9	17	35	6
Wenty	2	1	10	35	40	5
Concordia	1	3	9	13	39	5

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	9	—	4	42	24	18
Chelsea	6	5	2	33	24	17
West Ryde	6	4	3	42	26	16
Nepean	7	2	4	31	29	16
Greenwich	6	3	4	42	24	15
Bondi	6	3	4	29	17	15
Blacktown	5	5	2	24	18	15
Arncliffe	5	4	4	34	27	14
Queens Park	5	1	6	25	31	11
Yagoona	3	4	6	18	32	10
N. Bankstown	—	5	8	13	35	5
Lane Cove	1	—	12	15	61	2

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	10	1	1	49	20	21
Riverstone	9	1	1	42	23	19
Sydney Uni.	7	2	3	33	21	16
Artarmon	7	1	4	30	24	15
Maroubra	5	2	5	36	30	12
W. St. George	6	—	5	31	26	12
Macquarie Uni..	5	—	5	27	23	10
Eastwood	3	2	7	24	37	8
South Sydney	2	3	7	18	32	7
Dee Why	2	1	9	21	42	5
Auburn Jnr.	1	1	10	15	48	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	11	—	1	53	21	22
Baulkham H.	6	4	2	22	19	16
Revesby	7	1	4	39	27	15
Fairfield-Kiev	7	1	5	26	27	15
Lethbridge	5	3	5	21	20	13
Earlwood	5	2	5	23	18	12
North Ryde	4	4	5	23	22	12
Blacktown	6	—	7	27	32	12
Holroyd	4	2	7	25	27	10
Kogarah	3	3	6	22	28	9
Canley Hts.	2	3	7	13	26	7
Thornleigh	2	3	8	16	43	7

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Wests v. Auburn	1-1	1-3	
Sutherland v. Safeway	3-1	3-0	
Yugal-Pr. v. St. George	0-2	0-1	
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi	1-0	0-2	
APIA v. Croatia	0-0	2-2	
Granville v. Hakoah	2-1	1-4	

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

Enmore v. Guildford	1-1	1-4	0-3
Polonia v. Rosebery	1-2	2-0	3-0
C'bury v. Corinthians	4-0	2-0	4-1
N. Dists. v. B'town	2-0	3-1	0-3
Balgownie v. Manly	1-3	2-3	2-3
NS-Inter v. Melita	0-0	2-1	1-1

POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

"NO JUSTICE" IF WESTS MISS TOP FOUR SPOT

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

With Wests and Auburn locked at 1-all and full-time looming at Garside Park last Saturday, the prayers of the Western Suburbs supporters (and not less than one official) had been, in descending order of importance:

1. One only (extra) goal.
2. Mike Laing to send Greg Byles and David Jack from the bench to do battle.
3. Said coach to send Greg Byles or David Jack out for self-same purpose.
4. To hot foot it back to the bumps of Drummoyne from the bumps of Garside Park.

Then, with 25 seconds of 2 minutes 30 seconds of injury time remaining according to the dial of referee Tim Davies' all-prevailing wristlet, Brian Turner — goalless through all but one of the previous 15 premiership matches — volleyed a winner that sliced away into the corner of Roy Taylor's net.

So over-riding request 1. had been granted, and 2, 3 and 4 went into limbo.

Well, Mike Laing couchant was soon Mike Laing rampant.

He pointed out that Wests' soccer was good to anyone who could recognise good soccer, the win was deserved, left-back Col Curran was up front for the whole second half, and that his side was not the main one who set the offside trap and contained too much early play in the middle 35 metres.

"Amen"

He also conceded that the result of a football match was not always a matter of justice done, to which Auburn supporters might have said the "amen" when Billy Rogers had just failed by centimetres to meet tenacious Andy Tracey's cross after Dave Keddie had sent him away with just five minutes to go.

Laing, incidentally, was not the only one who pointed out that our publication was hesitant to recognise earlier that 1973 might be "The Year of the Magpie".

To which, may we add, that as 1972 was NOT — REPEAT NOT — the year of the same Magpie, "Soccer World" and a good half or more of Wests' potential following had all borne the same reticence.

In typical Laing style Mike comes quickly to the crunch.

"We have five Australians in the first team squad and seven in the seconds.

"People don't realise that we transferred many overseas-born players including Blue, Spiekerman and Kinnell, and held the best of our Australian boys.

"If I was in business and could point to my directors that three teams were near the top and the seconds have scored more goals that about every other team in the Federation then I could claim success.

"On paper we have the easiest run into the semi-finals. We don't need to lead, although I'm not against that, mind you.

"I'm tremendously proud of the lads."

Defensive emphasis

From the opening of the match too much defensive emphasis had provided ordinary fare until four minutes after the interval, when poker-faced John McDonald had the misfortune to be adjudged a ball handler in his own penalty box.

Auburn 'keeper Roy Taylor remonstrated with referee Tim Davies forthwith, and Davies responded by ordering Taylor to turn round so that he could read and note the inevitable number 1 that he bore on the back of his green jersey.

Les Hucker kept up a chant which could have disturbed penalty kicker Ainslie. He went into the black book also, but Ainslie, second only to Atti Abonyi as a penalty king, predictably buried the ball low in the net.

McDonald, enjoying his Rooney-esque field role, had earlier scored with a great placement that had found Terry Eaton retreating after being coaxed out by Alex Gary's failure to sense John McDonald's change of pace.

On the day Auburn all but shared the points, but take McDonald, Keddie and Rogers out and not a great deal was left to revel over.

One is forced to conclude that Auburn coach Nelson Stiffle was after one point as he retained brisk forward Dick Menzies fresh and unsoiled on the bench.

For Wests it is easy to under-rate their terrible twins Terry Smith and Ian Moores, as much of their work is done with ease and grace and without haste or error.

As twin strikers both played delightfully together and to their midfield men, and occasionally to the wings.

Keith Edmunds did a power of work in defence. This lad has a mind like a computer as he assesses his best course of action and goes unerringly to take the ball.

Ainslie too continues confidently, and Curran was in great second-half touch.

The way this Wests side are playing, to miss a final four place would mean — to plagiarise a Laingism — that there is indeed no justice in football.

An incident in Marconi's crowded goal area last Sunday as Pan Hellenic's new boy, Peter Blankin, cops goalie Rorke's hand smack on the mouth. Others in the picture are George Kinnell (4), Ray Richards, Max Tolson, whose head only is visible, and Paddy Buckley.

SQUAD PROGRAM

(continued from page 1)

This is the team's program:

- Wednesday, July 4: Session for all NSW members at Marks Field.
- Wednesday, July 11: Australian squad, with Victorian members, to play Victoria at Marks Field.
- Wednesday, July 18: Australian squad, minus the Victorians, to play a leading Sydney club at Garside Park or Marks Field.
- Wednesday, July 25: The full national team to play Northern NSW at Marks Field.
- Wednesday, August 1: Training session in Sydney for NSW members.
- Monday, August 6: World Cup squad enters camp at Wahroonga.
- Wednesday, August 8: Squad flies to Brisbane for match against Queensland.
- Saturday, August 11: Australian squad to play "The Rest" at Wentworth Park.
- Saturday, August 18: Australia v. Iran at Sydney Sportsground.
- Sunday, August 19: Australian team leaves for return match in Teheran.
- Friday, August 24: second match against Iran.
- Tuesday, August 28: Eventual play-off in Athens (FIFA last week confirmed that a third match, should the teams have the same goal-difference, will be staged in the Greek capital.

TEAM of the WEEK

FRASER (St. George)

TRKULJA (Yugal-Prague) — DAVEY (Hakoah)

DARVILL (Sutherland)

WATKISS (Hakoah) — RICHARDS (Marconi)

BYRNE (Sutherland) — ROONEY (APIA)

BRAJKOVIC (Marconi) — OLLERTON (APIA) — BUTLER (APIA)

Meet the players

TIM O'MAYE

(GRANVILLE)

When it comes to assessing the year's crop of young defenders, may I suggest that they haven't come much better than youthful Tim O'Maye of Granville.

Aged 17 years and a month or so with half a season of First Division behind him, Tim has confidently "sat" on such internationals as Adrian Alston, Ray Richards, Jimmy Rooney and John McDonald.

Rarely has he given them much rope and nonchalantly he sums up the experience in just five words, "It's easy marking a man".

I'm not setting out to overboom the said Tim, and even if I was, you may rest assured he would take it with a grain of salt.

He's that sort of a lad.

He's the boy who went to Granville thirds three years ago and soon was assured enough to ask for a second team place.

Tim allows "I don't get nervous now" and can take his man and then add plenty to the constructiveness of the team.

That, in relegation-plagued Granville, is no mean feat.

Tim O'Maye has a natural flair for moving into the open to use the ball and bursting through on the wing.

To those skills he adds the ability to head cleanly and throw in a determined ball — a great start for a youngster.

When Granville invited him to join them from Inter-District under-15s he came under the influence of Bobby Wall and Jim Stevenson.

He has listened and thought over his game, and in particular first teamer Ray Gardiner has taken him under his wing.

In juniors Tim's team at Dundas had a great record in the "Champion of Champions" competition.

Now in fifth form at Macquarie High School, he has already had four years in the Tasman Cup side.

This year they have already disposed of Picnic Point and Sir Joseph Banks.

A right-footer, he has worked until he has a very useful left foot as well.

Before I met Tim I was intrigued by his Irish name.

"Was your father Irish?" says I to Tim.

"Well", says Tim, "my dad's father was Japanese, and I don't know the full background of our name."

Now, aside from that, if Tim continues on the road he's on now "O'Maye" could well be a household word in Sydney and Australian soccer.

— KEITH GILMOUR

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	St. George	Marconi	APIA	Hakoah	Yugal	Auburn	Pan Hellenic	Safeway	Wests	Croatia	Sutherland	Granville
St. George	●		0-1		4-0	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-0		9-3
Marconi	0-5	●	1-1		0-0		5-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0
APIA	1-0	1-3	●	2-6		2-2	2-0	3-1	2-1	4-0	5-0	
Hakoah	2-3	0-1		●	2-0		2-1	1-0		0-0	1-1	7-0
Yugal	1-1		2-0	0-2	●		2-0	1-1	2-1		0-0	5-1
Auburn		1-1	3-2	2-3	0-0	●	3-1		0-0		2-0	1-3
Pan Hellenic	1-7	1-2			0-2	2-4	●	4-0	0-2	2-2		1-0
Safeway		1-1		1-2	2-0	1-1		●	1-0	1-1	4-2	
Wests	1-5		3-1	1-0	3-1	2-1	0-0		●		3-0	
Croatia			1-3	0-3	1-1	2-0		0-3	1-4	●	1-0	1-2
Sutherland	1-1	0-0		0-0		3-2	2-3	2-1		0-2	●	2-1
Granville	0-2	1-2	2-3	0-2		1-2		0-2	0-8	1-1		●

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Peter Cook came with a hat-trick in Wenty Waratah's 6-3 win over Concordia at Mahony Oval last Sunday.

In windy conditions Wenty proved the better side, with Brian Bruce adding a further two goals and the club's new Swiss player Leo adding the other.

With 30 junior sides coming up behind them, Wenty are all set for their campaign to hold to their present First Division ranking.

Marrickville came back to their best, sailing in to a 4-1 victory over the University of New South Wales.

Wales were well in the event up to halftime, but soon Marrickville outside-left Billy Henshaw scored with a scorching left-foot drive to the corner of the goal.

Marrickville next collected a penalty, which was ably converted by Norm Hanlon.

Hanlon was their next scorer from a melee, and for the best goal of the match right-winger Gordon Mackin dived headlong only six inches above the floor to convert a cross from the left wing into a glorious goal.

University's only goal was a consolation job close to the end.

RAPID 2-0

Out at Campbelltown Riverside Rapid came away with a 2-0 win over the local side in a far from spectacular match.

Gerry Hood in the 16th minute and Franz Eipeldauer in the 84th were Rapid's scorers.

Riverside had the better of the game, and twice hit the post without managing to increase their margin.

Belmore caught Ku-ring-gai flatfooted to net an opening goal at Acron Park, but the remaining four all went to Ku-ring-gai.

It was Ku-ring-gai's eighth consecutive game at Acron Oval without loss and the team has scored 28 goals in their last six games there.

Philip Lynch scored two good goals, one from a spectacular overhead kick, Tommy Stein got another (his 13th of the year), and Robin Mills was on hand to net the fourth.

Last week's results:

Arncliffe v. W. S'land	0-1	0-2
Camp'town v. Riverside	0-2	2-2
Ku-ring-gai v. Belmore	4-1	1-1
Concordia v. Wenty	3-6	6-0
Warringah v. Revesby	1-5	4-0
Marrickville v. Uni. NSW	4-1	2-1

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: NSW Uni. v. Revesby Workers — D. Phillips Field; Marrickville v. Ku-ring-gai — Mackey Park.

Sunday: Rapid v. Arncliffe Scots — Mahony Oval; West Sutherland v. Belmore — Seymour Shaw Park; Warringah v. Concordia — Graham Reserve; Wenty v. Campbelltown — Jones Park.

— KEITH GILMOUR

REFEREES

First Division: Sutherland v. Yugal-Prague: A. Faraone, Croatia v. Pan Hellenic: P. Rampley, Wests v. Marconi — G. Warne, Auburn v. St. George — B. Thompson, Safeway v. Granville — A. Boskovic, Hakoah v. APIA — F. Sbisa.

Second Division: Rosebery v. Inter — J. Henkelman, Enmore v. Melita — B. Wilkinson, Guildford v. Northern Districts — P. Graham, Bankstown v. Balgownie — F. Truppe, Corinthians v. Polonia — H. Witschge, Manly v. Canterbury — T. Davies.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

"MATCH OF THE SEASON" AT DEE WHY ON SUNDAY

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Manly, who had a disastrous start to the season, bounced back into promotion calculations with a sizzling 3-1 victory over competition leaders Balgownie at Balgownie Oval last Sunday.

Both the top and the bottom of the competition received a shake-up with Northern Districts winning their first game in 13 rounds.

The pressure is now really on the top teams seeking the championship and the bottom teams trying to stave off relegation.

Canterbury v. Corinthians 4-0

An outstanding performance by "old" clubmen Joe Whitehead and Bob Hardy enabled Canterbury to finally click and thrash Corinthians.

The Berries went through twice in the first eight minutes capitalising from defensive blunders by the Corinthians defenders and by half time they led 3-0.

In the second half, Corinthians tightened their defence, but it was still Canterbury that held the upper hand, even though they could only add another goal.

This was the first match "officially" to be played under their new coach Ron Dryburgh.

Canterbury: Demopoulos, Whitehead, Hardy, H. Xipolitas (Henderson), J. Xipolitas, Angelopoulos, Welton, Keri (3), Pocock, Mullen, Ross Brown (1) (Thompson).

Corinthians: Taylor, McCulloch, Draddy, Mack, Morris, Daniel, Giacometti, Harrison (Bloor), Matthews, Griffiths, Hador (Laws).

Polonia v. Rosebery 1-2

Polonia, fielding their new players from Poland who had arrived midweek, gave Rosebery a fright in the first half.

Manfred Urbas and Zigmund Janiak were slightly nervous on the slippery surface of the Bankstown Soccer Centre, but showed enough class to indicate that the long wait may be worthwhile.

Rosebery had difficulty containing the ball-playing Polonia in the first half, which ended scoreless, but eventually scored twice in 11 minutes in the second half to take both points.

Polonia's goal came from a penalty late in the game.

Polonia: Mickolajczyk, Round, Zounis, Kulak (1), Urbas, Mratenkovic, Hughes, Minol, Janiak, Komoder, Prokurat.

Rosebery: C. Tsingolis, Young, Turner, Kondos (Mouhtaris), Blue, Kehagias, Howard (1), Matthews, Gregoras (Thomas), N. Tsingolis (1), Povey.

Enmore v. Guildford 1-1

A goal one minute from the end gave Enmore a lucky point.

Enmore were on the receiving end for most of the match, but Guildford failed to take their many scoring opportunities.

Guildford did most of the attacking and moved the ball much better, but they could only score a goal 15 minutes after the interval, even after Enmore lost a player, sent off by the referee.

Guildford: Forrester, Parle, Schofield, Frazer, Brewin, Cornford (Griffiths), Lowe, Coleman, Robinson, Christie, Williams (1).

Balgownie v. Manly 1-3

Manly, the form team of the moment, turned the tables on competition leaders Balgownie, winning convincingly after an exciting 90 minutes of football watched by a crowd of about 1,000.

Fore-thought tactics and good judgment paid handsomely for Manly as they were one goal up within three minutes and two-up inside 15 minutes to keep Balgownie on the run.

The locals, who have not been beaten by Manly at Balgownie Oval for four years, were almost blotted out of the game with the exception of a short period in the second half when they scored a goal and forced Manly into errors.

But Manly recovered after slightly changing their tactics in midstream to finish on top. In fact, their third goal was scored three minutes into injury time.

Eighteen-year-old Stephen Gosling played a blinder for the seasiders.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Simovic, Hall, R. Paterson, Luck, Davies, Beattie (1), McGuckin, Freeme (Royall), Norris, D. Paterson.

Manly: Woods, Warwick, Dunwell, Stocks, Hutchinson, Gosling (1), Crawford (1), Allen, Bowley (1), Mallam, Waller.

NS-Inter v. Melita Eagles 0-0

Melita lacked punch in attack and missed far too many scoring chances.

But for that matter, Inter also had its share of chances and perhaps a draw was a fair result.

Fred Wupper made some very good saves for Inter.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Ciappina, Randy, Foster, Rafaneli, Mulberry, Spresian, Poletto, Walsh (Scimone), Valdemar, Sommer.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Dougan, Henrietty, Benezuela, D. McAusland, Vrolyks, C. McAusland, Buxton, Bankhead, McDougall (Hewlett).

Northern Districts v. Bankstown 2-0

It was "lucky 13" for Northern Districts, who had yet to win a game this season, but came good last Sunday.

Norths won on merit, with a great performance in midfield where they outplayed their opponents.

Bankstown, normally sound in defence, had no answer to the constant attack from Norths and only towards the end — when the damage was already done — they got back in the game.

Nicky Consentino, playing linkman, had a very steady game and the same goes for the "Towns'" talented centre-half Norm Penman.

Northern Districts: McDonald, Hughes, McDermott, Smith, White, Brown, Green (1), Consentino, Armytage, Martin (1), McKinnon.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Penman, Watts, Beater, Farrell, McMahon, Paterson, Grezlak (Burke).

THIS WEEK

Inman Park, Dee Why, will probably see the biggest crowd of the season to watch the promotion battle between Manly and Canterbury in a match that should be a thriller.

Canterbury, the most experienced of the two, may be hard pressed to stop the in-form Manly in their own habitat, but if they want to be promoted they just must win this game.

A draw looks very much on the cards, however.

In other matches, Balgownie should take both points from Bankstown while Rosebery should defeat Inter. Melita, Polonia and Northern Districts also should win.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

FRED HANLEY SCORES WINNER

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

In spite of their penchant for muffing chances, Greenwich was able to score the goal that mattered to win 1-0 against Bondi Marines at Gore Creek last Saturday.

About the 60th minute Fred Hanley was in place to tap in a cross from the right wing.

Gladesville Ravens had to work hard to retain their position at the head of the First Division table as they turned round at Peel Park 1-3 in arrears.

They hit in three in the second half for a 4-3 win, all from well out in the park.

Chelsea and West Ryde fought out a 2-2 draw at Moore Park in what was a pretty torrid affair.

Dave Zeman hit one from 22 metres that the Chelsea goalkeeper touched but couldn't hold.

Dave Kerslake angled their other goal into the corner after he received a well conceived pass from Barry Waud.

Geoff Arundell was Maroubra's man of the match in their 3-0 win over South Sydney at Booralee Park.

He operated well in the midfield, setting up dangerous moves and tackling with plenty of venom.

The South Sydney defence used the offside trap ad infinitum causing some ragged play, but when Maroubra got through they went well clear of the defence.

Bob Brockwell (2) and Keith Reynolds scored the goals.

Maroubra were well served by Con Joseph and Greg Brown in defence, and return of 17-year-old Dave Brockwell as right-back tightened things further. He went forward to distribute the ball well, too.

Artarmon were back to their best against Riverstone at Schofield Park, but they finally had to submit by the odd goal in three.

Artarmon scored after 25 minutes and then Mike Milanovic scored from the spot after having been fouled in the penalty area.

Billy Cole picked up a rebound from the Artarmon 'keeper to score the winner.

Artarmon came back strongly but the Riverstone rearguard just managed to save the day.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

Nepean v. Lane Cove	6-1	4-1
Greenwich v. Bondi	1-0	1-1
Arncliffe v. Yagoona	6-1	2-1
Chelsea v. West Ryde	2-2	2-1
Gladesville v. Queens Pk.	4-3	5-0
N. Banks. v. Blacktown	0-0	0-3

SECOND DIVISION

Riverstone v. Artarmon	2-1	2-0
W. St. Geo. v. Syd. Uni.	7-4	0-5
Sth. Sydney v. Maroubra	0-3	1-2
Toongabbie v. Dee Why	2-1	4-2
Eastwood v. Auburn Jnr.	4-1	1-2

Macquarie Uni. bye.

THIRD DIVISION

Blacktown v. Earlwood	1-2	2-3
Revesby v. Holroyd	3-2	4-1
Canley Hts. v. Thornleigh	0-2	31-
Kogarah v. Baulkham H.	1-2	1-5
Padstow Pk. v. Fairfield	5-1	4-2
Lethbridge v. N. Ryde	1-1	3-1

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Artarmon v. Eastwood — Artarmon Reserve; Yagoona v. Lane Cove — O'Neil Park; Bondi Marines v. North Bankstown — Waverley Oval; Greenwich v. Nepean — Gore Creek Reserve; Holroyd v. Kogarah — West Guildford Showground; Fairfield-Kiev v. Canley Heights — Knight Park; Lethbridge v. Blacktown Spurs — Jersey Road.

Sunday: Sydney Uni. v. Macquarie Uni. — Beaman Park; Auburn Juniors v. South Sydney — Progress Park; Maroubra v. West St. George — Coral Sea Park; Riverstone v. Dee Why — Schofields Park; West Ryde v. Arncliffe RSL — Waud Showground; Blacktown Spartan v. Ravens — Francis Park; Queens Park v. Chelsea — Queens Park; Baulkham Hills v. Earlwood — Ted Torwood Reserve; North Ryde v. Padstow Park — North Ryde Oval; Thornleigh v. Revesby Rovers — Thornleigh Oval.

JUNIOR RESULTS

(Inter-District Championship)

	U/16	U/15	U/14
St. Geo. v. Glades.	1-1	4-3	3-1
Bankstown v. Wests	1-0	2-1	4-0
Kuringai v. Manly	0-0	3-1	1-3
Nepean v. Granville	0-3	1-2	1-7

Standings: Under-14: Gladesville 23; Granville 22; Sutherland 20; Ku-ring-gai 18; Bankstown, St. George 15; Wests 14; Southern Districts 10; Manly 8; Nepean 5. **Under-15:** St. George 24; Bankstown 21; Sutherland 20; Gladesville 18; Granville 17, Ku-ring-gai 14; Southern Districts 12; Manly, Wests 10; Nepean 6. **Under-16:** Granville 24; Sutherland 21; St. George 19; Ku-ring-gai 17; Gladesville, Manly 15; Bankstown, Southern Districts 13; Wests 11; Nepean 4.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	9	3	—	22	4	21
George Cross	6	5	1	25	8	17
Wilhelmina	7	2	3	25	6	16
Hellas	7	2	3	23	13	16
Melbourne	5	4	3	20	13	14
Hakoah	5	4	3	20	17	14
Polonia	4	4	4	9	12	12
Slavia	4	3	5	7	12	11
Alexander	2	4	6	11	16	8
Juventus	2	3	7	10	21	7
Austria	1	4	7	8	24	6
Box Hill	—	2	10	8	40	2

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League Round 16 results: Melbourne 4 (Bleskany 2, Scott 2) d. SM-Hellas 3 (Armstrong 3); JUST 1 (Zoraja) d. Polonia 0; George Cross 3 (Kelly 2, Epifano) d. Juventus 1 (Lucchesi); Wilhelmina 2 (Williamson, Steel) d. Box Hill 0, Austria v. Slavia 0-0; Hakoah 1 (Mandalis) v. Alexander 1 (Gillon).

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First Division fixtures for Saturday: Yallourn v. Mooroolbark, Frankston City v. Sunshine City, Green Gully v. Western Suburbs, Altona City v. Essendon Lions, Ringwood United v. Keilor City, St. Albans v. Springvale City.

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Negotiations broke down to bring John Perin back to Juventus-Melbourne who, however, recently acquired a 22-year-old striker, John Williamson, who played with Elgin City in the Scottish Highland League — the same club whom Bryan Thomson, their prolific scorer of two years ago played for.

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The source of signing of former Croatia players has now dried up with goalie Mike Kovacek taking the Juventus ticket and striker Ibro Hadiavdic likely to prove a big catch for Austria.

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The Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup, which kicked-off last week with most of the first round ties, features two games this Saturday when Juventus meet Melbourne and Alexander play George Cross. No player who has taken part in this year's Dockerty Cup is eligible to turn out in the minor competition.

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Following quick on the heels of the report that South Melbourne-Hellas striker David Gorrie had quit the game after being left out of the first team recently, comes the news that Johnny Bedford, the Number One Australian-born player in State League soccer, has also decided to quit due to the lengthy distances which involve him for training stints.

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Latest Hakoah signing is 22-year-old Peter Whiting, who arrived over three months ago to join the Victorian police. Like their previous recruit, Ken Wheeler, the "copper" is an Englishman.

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Wilhelmina have an exceptionally talented quartet of 17-year-olds in Phil Williamson, who appears regularly for the first team, Gary Cole and Benny De Bruyckere, both of whom have played many times in the senior side, and now Chris Pieras, who recently made his State League debut. Benny De Bruyckere is the son of Sjel De Bruyckere, the former Dutch international player who also represented Australia.

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Paul Corke, the stuffy Box Hill fullback, recently landed himself a new contract — he got married.

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Karl Jackisch, a promising winger Austria secured from Metro side Hercules at the start of the season and who showed promise in several first team outings, has "gone up in smoke": he hasn't been seen at training for weeks.

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Back in Melbourne for his second stint in this country is Phil Copeland, the former Workington defender who had a spell with George Cross in the sixties. Phil quit the playing side of the game some time ago.

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Jimmy McConville, starring in defence for George Cross, is one of the smallest players in State League soccer. Jimmy joined the Cross last year, coming from Scotland where he played with Arthurlie Juniors.

— JIM COOK

READERS' LETTERS

SHOOTING

Everyone should support our World Cup team because the administration has shown a progressive attitude and finance does not grow on trees.

Just the same, our team must improve their work in front of the net to have any chance against Iran.

For some of the shooting to be successful you would need a crane and a net on wheels!

Only way to improve in any sport is to watch better players.

Birmingham City's second goal was from the right to the left and headed into the right corner out of the goalie's reach.

Our players tend to head the ball into the goalkeeper's hands and run back thinking they have done something clever.

You won't beat world class goalies with weak shooting.

Our soccer players must work up an understanding between wingers and strikers before World Cup time.

Soccer has improved out of sight in Australia, but there is still a long way to go.

C. W. GREEN,
Dulwich Hill.

Sydney Amateur League

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Concord v. Azzurri — Cintra Park, Haberfield v. Bitola — Algie Park.

Sunday: Uni. v. Glebe — D. Phillips Field, Broughton v. Fairfield RSL — Steel Park, Joy v. Wests — Jellicoe Park, Georges Hall v. Maccabi — Hanley Park, Arncliffe v. Apollo — Tempe Reserve, Ashcroft v. Olympic — Stanwell Oval, Granville v. Bank NSW — Colquhoun Park, Lidcombe v. Wenty — Coleman Park.

Division I: Wests v. Maccabi 1-1 1-3, Glebe v. Concord 7-2 1-2, Joy v. Broughton 5-2 1-5, Fairfield v. Uni. 0-3 7-1; **Division II:** Apollo v. Kewpies 4-1 3-3, Bank NSW v. Wenty 5-2 2-2, Arncliffe v. Haberfield 10-1 —, Bitola v. Ashcroft 0-6 6-3, Olympic v. Lidcombe 2-2 4-0.

Federation Amateur Cup (results involving Amateur League clubs): Joy-Epping RSL 7-0, Wests-Ecuador 2-1, Glebe - Marrickville 8-0 Georges Hall-Five Dock 2-3.

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RESULTS & SCORERS

WESTS
0 (0)

Marconi
1 (1)
Tolson 20 min.

Safeway
1 (1)
Alston 15 min.

A.P.I.A
1 (0)
Dalforno 89 min.

Yugal-Prague
1 (0)
M. Alagich 71 min.

Auburn
0 (0)

WESTS
3 (1)
Ainslie 32 min., Moores 58 min., Yaager (o.g.) 73 min.

Croatia
4 (2)
Vojtek 29 min., Whally 34 min., Doyle 50 and 53 mins.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Eaton 3, Curran 4, Gray 4, Ferguson 4, Edmunds 4, Lindsay 4, Byles 4 (Bacon 65 min.), T. Smith 3, Moores 3, Ainslie 3, Turner 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: M. Laing.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Murray 4, Mihajlevic 4, Moschen 4, Kinnell 4, Wright 3, Richards 4, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 3, Tolson 4, Griffiths 3, Burns 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Glover 4, Roberts 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4 (Dunlop 55 min.), **Tuckerman 5** (Piggott 87 min.), McKinnon 3, Fryer 4, Walker 3, Bingham 3, Alston 3, Burnett 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: P. Wilson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

McQuire 3, Keith 3, Callaghan 3, McArthur 3, McGhee 3, Russell 4, Blues 4, Butler 3 (Dalforno 70 min.), Ollerton 3, **Rooney 5**, Pollard 4.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Tuinman 3, Harcombe 3, McDonald 4, Rudic 4, Blacker 3, Rootsey 3, J. Alagich 4, Selvage 3, Waters 3, **Rutherford 5**, M. Alagich 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: S. Dacevski.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

R. Taylor 4, Lawson 3, Hughes 3, Stewart 3, McMillan 3, Leak 3, Menzies 3, Keddie 4, McDonald 3, Rogers 3, Parker 3 (Tracey 46 min., 4).

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: N. Stiffle.**

Eaton 3, Curran 3 (Smythe 75 min.), Gray 4, Ferguson 4, Edmonds 3, (O'Callaghan 63 min.), Byles 4, Bacon 3, T. Smith 3, Moores 4, Ainslie 3, Turner 2.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: M. Laing**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Corry 4, Page 3, M. Harris 4, Brady 4, Yaager 3, **Whally 5**, Doyle 4, Sullivan 3, Nixon 3, Smith 4, Vojtek 4.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: M. Kiss.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A very tough, uncompromising battle which produced hardly a trace of skilled football. Victory was so important to both teams that the game, from the kick-off, developed into a fierce, physical clash. Referee Graham Warne allowed far too many fouls to go unchecked and should have been much firmer from the start. There was nothing in it for the whole 90 minutes. One always had the impression that whichever team scores first, will win. This Marconi duly did after Tolson's 20th minute header from a Brajkovic freekick. Wests lost their chance for a deserved equaliser late in the first half when they hit the crossbar twice in the space of 90 seconds.

Crowd: 907. **Referee: G. Warne.**

— Lou Gautier

A great second half fight-back enabled APIA to take home a vital point. The turning point of the game came midway through the second half when Safeway skipper Jim Gleeson was carried off with a broken ankle after colliding with team-mate Roberts. United's defence crumbled under the pressure and APIA forced an equaliser 60 seconds from the end. Both sets of forwards had their chances, but failed to capitalise on them. All in all, it was an entertaining match with good patches of football. Peter Wilson easily won his "match within the match" with Peter Ollerton. The Aussie captain always had "Ollie's" measure. Jimmy Rooney was APIA's best player. His midfield play was brilliant, as was Gary Tuckerman's stout defence for the locals.

Crowd: 2,200. **Referee: B. Thompson.**

— Peter Schumacher

Circumstances forced Yugal-Prague to field six of the players that had come to them from the former Prague club, and their will to win was enough to flatten Auburn on the day. Much of the credit must surely go to Willie Rutherford, whose calculating play was a cut above the tearaway methods that he often employed when at Hakoah. Joe Alagich had a big part in setting up brother Michael's goal, but it was a pity he failed to cap off the many opportunities he himself so often created. Ivo Rudic showed his all-round ability by playing midfield, and this skilled player drove another nail in Auburn's coffin. Andy Tracey didn't come on until halftime, and this was the man with real football nous who livened things up enough to give Auburn a chance to lift themselves above the ordinary.

Crowd: 963. **Referee: F. Sbisa.**

— Keith Gilmour

Goals galore, some flashes of brilliant football and first-class refereeing contributed to an action-packed thriller which Croatia deserved to win by the odd goal. Fair-haired Jeff Whally and John Doyle were the driving forces behind Croatia's victory. All four Croatia goals were superbly taken after some clever lead-up work. Billy Vojtek's goal had a touch of wizardry as he drove home a left-footed shot with immaculate precision and cannon power from 30 metres out. Whally's goal resulted from clever lead-up work by Joe Nixon on the wing who side-stepped a couple of West defenders before laying it on for his team-mate to score, while John Doyle's two goals in a space of three minutes were superbly cracked home despite an alert defence.

Crowd: 560. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Charles Spiteri

Victorians In Sydney Wednesday

At the time of going to press the Victorian selection for the game against the Australian World Cup squad tonight (Wednesday, July 11) was not available.

However, taking a line from the State side that played well only to lose 1-2 to Cruzeiro, Sydney fans should be seeing most of the following players tonight:

● **Alistair Scott:** Player-coach and captain of Melbourne whom he has served well since joining them in 1966 after playing with Forfar Athletic in Scotland.

● **Johnny Wallace:** 22-year-old midfielder with Melbourne born in Glasgow, but came to Melbourne with his parents as a schoolboy. Played all his career with Melbourne.

● **Sandy Irvine:** Product of the Aberdeen juniors, he needs no introduction as he was a member of the Australian side which made the world tour three years. A defender with Juventus.

● **Peter Bourne:** South Melbourne-Hellas midfielder still tipped as a possibility for a place in the Australian squad.

● **Slobadan Zoraja:** Prolific goalscorer with JUST since he joined them four years ago and twin striker in the Footseray side with Branko Buljevic. Now a naturalised Australian.

● **Nick Racovalis:** Alexander defender. Plenty of ability and fast, he can successfully play the overlapping fullback game.

● **Jim Armstrong:** Another player with little need for introduction as he has already played several times in Sydney for South Melbourne-Hellas and has also played for Australia. Product of Renfrew juniors in Scotland.

● **Frank Micic:** Another former international recently reinstated into the Victorian squad. He has played more times for the State than any other current player and at 32 years of age is by no means finished.

● **Marjan Lopatic:** Another JUST star who adopts an attacking winghalf role and has been a stalwart for his side for the past three years.

● **Joe Cunningham:** A 19-year-old striker from George Cross who had a senior spell in Scotland with Forfar Athletic. A six-footer and striker, he belted home six goals in the 8-1 win by George Cross over Box Hill.

● **Mick Micevski:** A four-figure buy by Hakoah at the start of the season from First Division side Altona City, he has shown tremendous potential at the age of 18.

● **Robert McGinn:** A 20-year-old defender with Wilhelmina who has already played for the State side. A Scot.

● **Rudy Muskee:** Another Wilhelmina player who is a fast, tricky and speedy winger and is Dutch-born.

● **Steve Walker:** A powerful defender who cost SM-Hellas a tidy fee from Lions a few years ago. Played in Scotland with junior side Kilsyth Rangers.

● **John Gardiner:** One of the most talented players in State League soccer either as a midfielder, linkman or strker with George Cross.

● **Pat Bannon:** A newcomer to Australia, he joined Alexander only eight weeks ago from the Edinburgh juniors, but has impressed greatly as a solid defender in the short time he has been here.

Three members of the Victorian State squad will appear with the national side: goalies Reilly and Milisavljevic and Branko Buljevic.

— JIM COOK

HELP LEGACY all the year round

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	11	5	2	35	18	27
Wests	11	4	2	48	15	26
Hakoah	10	5	2	39	10	25
Croatia	7	9	2	24	13	24
Auburn	4	8	6	34	35	16
Pan Hellenic	6	4	7	21	28	16
Marconi	6	3	7	30	27	15
St. George	6	3	8	26	36	15
Sutherland	3	6	8	26	31	12
Granville	5	2	10	22	36	12
Safeway	5	2	11	23	47	12
Yugal-Prague	3	2	13	15	43	8

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	10	6	2	34	19	26
Marconi	11	3	2	41	16	25
Hakoah	10	2	5	29	17	22
Sutherland	9	3	5	24	16	21
Auburn	8	3	7	31	20	20
Wests	8	4	5	31	21	20
St. George	7	6	4	26	19	20
Granville	5	5	6	24	24	15
Yugal-Prague	5	4	9	26	38	14
Pan Hellenic	5	1	11	23	36	11
Safeway	4	2	12	14	37	10
Croatia	1	2	15	7	39	4

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery	10	2	3	31	17	22
Balgownie	9	3	3	32	17	21
Canterbury	8	3	3	34	15	19
Manly	8	3	3	32	19	19
Melita Eagles	8	2	4	20	12	18
Guildford	6	2	7	31	32	14
Bankstown	6	2	7	21	23	14
Enmore	6	2	7	20	25	14
Polonia	5	2	7	21	32	12
NS-Inter	4	2	9	15	30	10
Corinthians	3	3	9	14	33	9
Nth. Districts	1	2	11	14	30	4

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	13	1	1	51	18	27
Canterbury	11	2	1	43	10	24
Balgownie	9	—	5	35	20	18
Bankstown	7	3	4	33	23	17
NS-Inter	8	—	7	16	16	16
Guildford	5	4	6	23	22	14
Nth. Districts	4	5	5	18	13	13
Melita Eagles	4	4	6	29	22	12
Rosebery	5	2	8	22	31	12
Polonia	3	5	6	15	26	11
Corinthians	3	2	10	21	40	8
Enmore	—	2	13	11	65	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	12	1	2	49	9	25
Bankstown	11	2	1	43	8	24
Polonia	12	—	2	41	8	24
Guildford	10	1	4	61	17	21
Nth. Districts	10	1	3	35	16	21
Balgownie	5	1	8	26	33	11
Canterbury	4	2	8	26	30	10
Corinthians	4	2	8	16	34	10
Melita Eagles	4	2	8	21	35	10
Rosebery	3	2	10	13	51	8
NS-Inter	1	3	10	14	51	5
Enmore	1	1	13	8	64	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	13	—	1	38	9	26
Ku-ring-gai	10	2	3	44	18	22
Revesby	9	1	4	40	22	19
Marrickville	8	3	3	36	24	19
W. Sutherland	9	1	5	24	18	19
Uni. of NSW	7	3	5	29	31	17
Arncliffe Scots	7	—	7	19	19	16
Wenty	4	1	10	32	43	9
Belmore	3	3	9	23	40	9
Warringah	2	4	9	26	40	8
Campbelltown	3	2	10	22	41	8
Concordia	1	4	10	16	44	6

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	10	—	4	45	20	20
Nepean	9	2	4	41	31	20
Chelsea	7	5	3	38	29	19
West Ryde	7	4	3	47	27	18
Bondi	7	3	4	31	17	17
Greenwich	6	3	5	44	30	15
Blacktown	5	5	4	26	24	15
Arncliffe	5	4	5	35	32	14
Queens Park	6	1	6	29	33	13
Yagoona	3	5	7	18	36	11
N. Bankstown	—	5	9	13	37	5
Lane Cove	1	1	12	15	61	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverstone	11	1	1	49	24	23
Toongabbie	10	1	1	49	20	21
Artarmon	8	1	5	34	26	17
Sydney Uni.	7	2	3	33	21	16
Maroubra	6	3	5	42	35	15
W. St. George	6	—	6	35	31	12
Macquarie Uni.	5	1	5	28	24	11
South Sydney	4	3	7	25	36	11
Eastwood	3	2	9	24	43	8
Dee Why	2	1	10	22	46	5
Auburn	1	1	11	18	53	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	11	—	2	53	23	22
Baulkham Hills	6	7	2	27	24	19
Fairfield-Kiev	8	2	5	33	32	18
Revesby Rovers	7	3	5	44	33	17
Lethbridge	6	3	5	24	20	15
Earlwood	5	4	5	25	20	14
North Ryde	5	4	6	26	27	14
Canley Heights	5	3	7	24	29	13
Blacktown Spurs	6	1	8	31	39	13
Holroyd	4	4	7	27	29	12
Kogarah	3	4	7	24	32	10
Thornleigh	2	3	9	16	46	7

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Yugal-Prague v. Auburn	0-3	3-3	
Wests v. Croatia	1-1	3-0	
Safeway v. APIA	1-1	0-1	

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

Enmore v. Rosebery	0-1	1-4	1-2
Corinth. v. Inter	1-1	2-1	—
Balgownie v. G'ford	1-2	2-1	2-6
Manly v. Bankstown	0-1	4-3	1-1

ALBERT MAY SPEND A SEASON IN SYDNEY

— By MIKE RENWICK —

Florian Albert leaned back in his comfortable armchair, poured himself a "spriccer" (half wine, half soda) and said: "I want to go to Australia".

The Albert-villa, in a quiet, tree-lined street of Obuda, a gently sloping, middle-class part of Budapest, is comfortable by any standard; big and luxurious in space-starved Hungary.

His cups, trophies, vases, pennants and many other soccer memorabilia are scattered in two living rooms; Iren, his pretty, vivacious ex-actress wife is in charge of them.

Life for the Alberts is seemingly easy and pleasant in Budapest: they belong to the well-to-do.

He draws a salary from a large food company — but drops in only infrequently; it's part of the sinecure so well spread among leading sportsmen in Hungary.

Albert also gets a regular monthly salary from his club, the famous Ferencvaros, still averaging bigger crowds than any other in Budapest. Bonuses, extras for "propaganda" matches in small provincial towns bring in extra forints.

Then, for good measure, wife Iren runs their small inn, a working-class type establishment with about eight tables, serving cold dishes and wine by the glass, bottle or barrel, as you prefer.

Albert drops in most days but it's Iren who runs the business; it's a State-owned place rented by the Alberts, keeping a neat profit for themselves. "Socialist capitalism," someone called it with odd contradiction — but the system works.

"Australia remains the only continent I have never visited," Albert said, "and I am keen to go. My club has agreed to release me, and I think the Association will, too."

But that's not so sure. Albert has been invited, together with his wife, by St. George - Budapest to spend either a few weeks or a whole season in Sydney. And he is prepared to accept either alternative, whichever is viewed more favorably by the authorities.

And it's here that the whole carefully planned "Operation Albert" may fail: the Hungarian Association has never before allowed an active player to go abroad.

Albert, however, may not be classified as "active" much longer. At 31 with 74 full internationals to his credit, he is willing to quit top soccer.

"I've had 17 years of it, all with one club," he said. "Even my most severe critics can't deny that I've made some contribution to Hungarian soccer. So perhaps this will count for something."

Florian Albert (in white on the right) scores a goal against Csepel last month.

Albert was under 17 when first selected for Hungary in 1959; in 1967 he became Europe's "Player of the Year."

During the 1966 World Cup, after the match against Brazil, the Paris weekly "France Football" described him as a "mixture of Di Stefano, Puskas and Pele." Quite an accolade.

But now, the "Albert controversies" in Budapest seem to have hurried his decision to retire from the strange hurly-burly of Hungarian "Shamateur" football.

CONTROVERSIAL

The mere mention of Albert's name almost anywhere in Budapest sparks off raging arguments.

His critics claim that he has gone "soft", that he is too aloof and a lazy trainer.

His more numerous admirers, however, retort that Albert's exquisite, artistic skills are just not appreciated by the Hungarian coaches who are anxious to ape the hard-running English style, without much success.

"I don't care much about what people say," Albert told me." I've grown immune to the criticism of laymen.

"But I'll say this much: to a large extent, it's the soccer writers who have ruined our game.

"They have been harping about the need for "physical qualities" until club officials started to believe them and expected our coaches to turn us into super running machines.

"It's not true that we don't like to train hard; what is true is that the English-type of training doesn't suit us.

"We like to "play" this game not fight it; we believe soccer is basically entertainment."

Albert also has another sore point with the newspapermen.

"Our fellows are ready to hang you after a bad game," he said.

"Hungary loses an international and our press demands the sacking of the whole team.

"Look at the West Germans, they have lost their last three home internationals but nobody has suggested that manager Schoen or any of their very good players be dropped and shot.

"Elsewhere people are more patient; in Hungary they demand constant and instant success.

"And this makes it impossible for any national coach to build a team for future tasks.

"That's why I am worried about the World Cup game against Sweden."

Albert's worries proved groundless: Hungary played very well and it was only incredible bad luck and two inexplicable defensive lapses that robbed them from an easy win.

"I'm not going to the game," Albert added, "but watch it here at home.

"I'm sick and tired of getting involved in arguments with people around me.

"One bad pass and the know-alls start to abuse our players. And as a matter of principle, I always defend them, even those I am not very friendly with."

Albert has no ambition to turn to coaching or managing after his retirement.

"I can visualise my life well without this," he added. "I may help youngsters but I don't want to earn my living from the game."

Similarly, he has no wish to live abroad permanently.

"I guess I had the chance before but I was never interested. I like living in Budapest.

"A few months in Australia would be great; I'd see a new country, even learn English.

"I feel I could do my bit for the St. George-Budapest club and earn my keep.

"But after that," it's back to Hungary, to my home, the two kids, the garden and the friends."

Whether Sydney fans will be lucky enough to see this still great player in action and get to know this quick-witted, extremely pleasant and courteous fellow, now depends on some Hungarian authorities.

In Budapest it's not easy to establish precedents and cut red tape.

However, in this case, I have reason to believe, the chances are much better than normally.

If all goes well, Albert and wife should arrive in January. This, anyway, is what he is hoping for — together with the St. George officials.

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Hakoah v. Cruzeiro 2-3

Brazilians great, guest stars flop

— By LOU GAUTIER —

More than 15,000 spectators braved one of the coldest and most miserable nights of the year to watch Cruzeiro beat Hakoah 3-2 at Sydney Sportsground last week.

The remarkably big turnout, in view of the blustery conditions, enabled Hakoah to show a profit on their expertly promoted venture which, I hope, will now set a trend and be repeated regularly in the future.

There is a market for international soccer in Sydney and fans will pay top prices to see first-class teams — especially South Americans who still remain the most enjoyable to watch.

I am not so convinced, however, of the wisdom of bringing out guest players just for one appearance.

Peter Osgood and Antonis Antoniadis, to put it bluntly, added nothing to the spectacle, though their presence undoubtedly helped boost the attendance.

The two European aces were hardly noticed at all, especially Osgood. The Panathinaikos striker at least scored a goal, perfectly laid on for him by Jim Mackay, and had a couple of headers in goalie Raul's direction in the first half.

DELIGHT

The whole Cruzeiro team was a delight to watch, even when moving in slow gear.

They play their football effortlessly, nonchalantly, making it all look so simple.

Their precise, slow possession-football might irritate the lovers of long throughballs and lobs into the goalmouth British style, but give me Brazilian soccer any day.

Cruzeiro's build-up was chess-like. They slipped the ball from man to man as they moved into new positions, sidestepping here, dummying there, just to make it more telling.

However, once they got near goal, they sped it up. It's then that the explosion comes — a very quick final pass and a deadly shot like Dirceu Lopes' for the first goal last Wednesday.

The Hakoah players battled on gamely against vastly superior opponents, whose ball control was an object lesson.

RAY BAARTZ

They made our lads look positively agricultural, but I liked the way Hakoah manfully stuck to their task to score two late goals to make the final score more than respectable.

Hakoah were unlucky to give away two "silly" goals. Coe let a soft shot by Lima roll in under his stomach, and just after halftime Watkiss scored an "own" goal.

Ray Baartz and Jim Davey were the pick of a Hakoah team in which Fletcher, Barnes and Mackay also played well.

Dirceu Lopes (No. 10), as brilliant as ever, though not so prominent as against Slovan Bratislava last year, Vanderley (No. 6), Eduardo (No. 7) and Jaonzinho (No. 13) were quite superb for the Brazilians.

Cruzeiro 3 (Dirceu Lopes 11 min., Lima 19 min., Watkiss own goal, 52 min.) beat Hakoah 2 (Barnes 60 min., Antoniadis 85 min.).

Crowd: 15,195.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

FIFA PAIR COULD HAVE PUT US ON THE MAP

— By MIKE RENWICK —

"At times I wonder how I would have succeeded in Australia", FIFA's Press officer and Assistant-Secretary General Rene Courte told me last month.

"Maybe my ideas would have been too radical for some of your officials anyway."

We were sitting in the library, leading through an alcove to Sir Stanley Rous' surprisingly small office.

The library, just as the entire FIFA House, exude quiet elegance.

Perched on a hilltop in the exclusive Zurich suburb of Sonnenberg, it's more of a small castle than a house of offices.

"In 1965, I was all set to go to Australia to take over as ASF secretary," Courte reminisced.

"I even sold the car and was about to sell our apartment when a doctor at the Australian Embassy found that years before I had had TB.

"Of course, this had healed completely but the x-rays showed the scars — and there was no way in the world to get the doctor to change his mind.

"So I stayed on."

What Rene Courte himself doesn't say but what can now be revealed is that had he come to Australia in 1965 — his good friend, Dettmar Cramer would have come with him as national coach.

The two of them — one a brilliant, polyglot administrator with excellent contacts in world soccer, the other one of the most experienced coaches and tacticians in the world — could have, by now, really put Australia on the map.

KASER'S "HELLO"

"And how are my Australian friends," said cheerfully FIFA secretary general Dr. Helmut Kaser, coming in the library.

"Please give my regards to Brian Le Fevre, Ian McAndrew and the others."

Wearing an open-neck shirt, Dr. Kaser certainly didn't look 10 years older than when last seen in Sydney.

In his wake romped in his enormous German Shepherd dog, Yoyo.

"He's the only dog I know here who's kept alive by drugs," Dr. Kaser said, patting the large dog lovingly.

"He's got a serious malfunction of the pancreas and I have to get him some special drugs from the USA.

"Thank heavens, a former Swiss international is now the New York manager of Swissair so the supply never runs out."

Yoyo gave him an affectionate hug, almost knocking him off his feet.

"I hear that the domestic scene in Australian soccer is now peaceful," he said.

GOOD NEWS

"This is really good news, after so much turmoil in the past.

"It seems Sydney is dominating in the actual playing strength but the administrative functions are more evenly spread.

"This, in theory anyway, is always a good thing."

Is there a chance that he may visit Australia in the near future?

"Not this year, I'm afraid," he said, "nor next, when we have the World Cup.

"I would like to go, as I enjoyed myself there but now this is impossible.

"Maybe I can meet your fellows in Germany next year, instead," he said with a smile, referring to the World Cup finals.

Well, we hope so, Doc, we certainly do.

Western Suburbs are adamant they will seek compensation for the reduced crowd at last Thursday's deferred match against Marconi. Wests claim that statements by Marconi officials before the game that they would not play greatly affected the attendance at Garside Park, which was only 907.

Club patrol

Sutherland captain COLIN BENNETT last week announced his engagement to 23-year-old Brisbane primary school teacher, Miss Kay Moore. They hope to get married around Christmas time.

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Auburn reserve grader DAVID RAMSAY, still only 18, is a 6th former at Pennant Hills High School. This year is the big year in his education, and David is hoping that he will be going ahead with a physical education course in 1974.

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National Director of Coaching ERIC WORTHINGTON and family have moved into their home at St. Ives. Things are not what they ought to be, however, because Eric's furniture is sitting somewhere on Sydney's waterfront with delivery delayed due to industrial dispute.

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It is vital that soccer clubs negotiate more support from some of their GROUND authorities, even if it means playing the main game only in the event of solid rain. The Rugby League peppered the main sporting radio stations with announcements that games were on in spite of the weather last Sunday, and reaped the inevitable reward. We could not muster one match in Sydney.

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The CURL CURL Youth Club's under-13A soccer team coached by Jack Gwillam and Beb Jaye has won all of their 11 games played so far this season. The team scored a massive 83 goals and conceded only 10 against.

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Granville and Sutherland will play their DEFERRED MATCH on Friday evening at Garside Park. There will be one match only. Kick-off time is 8.30 p.m. Pan Hellenic and Hakoah are likely to play theirs next Thursday at Marks Field.

A DISPUTE has arisen between Corinthians and NS-Inter over their third grade match which was never played last Saturday. It is understood that both the NS-Inter team and the officials of the game lost their way trying to find the Parklea ground and arrived too late for the game to proceed. The NSW Soccer Federation will be asked to arbitrate in the matter.

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PUBLIC SERVICE Competition results last week were: RGO v. Water Board 1-0; Motor Transport v. Garden Island 2-1; PMG v. Taxation 1-0. Forthcoming fixtures are: Thursday, July 19, 1 p.m. — Garden Island v. Justice.

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BOBBY JONES, the Manly striker, missed the first half of the second grade match last week because he went to the wrong ground. However, he turned up at Graham's Reserve at half-time when Bankstown were leading 3-1. He went in as a replacement after the interval and scored a hat-trick to give his side a 4-3 victory!

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President of strong Inter-Suburban club Chelsea, DAVID MEDHURST, leaves in mid-September with his family for a trip to England, and plans to return home to Sydney next March. Whilst over there David aims to see his share of the top class matches.

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ASF secretary BRIAN LE FEVRE said this week that his organisation would consider favorably a request by national coach Rale Rasic for daylight Wednesday training for the Socceroos while the power restrictions are still in force. Le Fevre, however, claims that he has received no such official request yet from Rale.

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This is the draw for the TASMAN CUP quarterfinals: Newcastle Tech. v. Drummoyne, Canterbury v. Malvina (Ryde), Macquarie v. Newcastle Boys, Fairfield v. Richmond River. Tasman Cup officials will ask the ASF to stage the final as the curtain-raiser to the Australia-Iran World Cup match on August 18.

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LES HUCKER, the Auburn skipper who is in his third season with the club, missed his first match since joining them when he was prevented from turning out against Yugal-Prague at the Marks Field last Saturday. An injury high in the groin was the cause, and Les is anxiously awaiting to see the extent of the trouble, with a hernia a possibility.

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Don't miss making your reservations for the Coaches Federation's big SUPPER DANCE at Western Suburbs Soccer Club on Friday, July 20, at 8 p.m. Bookings for club parties may be made from Mrs. Joan Valentine on 407-3196. First class entertainment, excellent supper and prizes, and the cost per person is a low, low $3.25 each.

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BOGDAN DUMA, the classy striker with Weston, has hit the expected purple patch. Revelling in the going against the lower placed Northern Federation teams he hit in six goals against Mayfield in Weston's 8-1 win a fortnight ago. Last week Weston was down 0-2 to Belmont-Swansea, but Duma revived them with four goals in the Bears' 6-3 victory. He would be a great catch for any Sydney club.

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St. George-Budapest have scrapped plans to bring UWE SEELER to Australia. The West German star was to have played a couple of matches as a guest player and featured in some club promotions.

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Sutherland officials expect some 4,000 juniors and parents to watch Sunday's match against APIA. A novel WALKATHON, run in conjunction with the Supporters' Club, to raise funds, will end at Seymour Shaw Park.

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CANTERBURY is now sponsored by Aristotle Onassis' Olympic Airways. Last week the airline presented the club with 18 brand-new tracksuits and another 18 will arrive this week. Olympic Airways supplied the club with a film of the Greek Cup final between Olympiakos and PAOK, which raised $1,500 for the Berries when it was screened at a suburban cinema last weekend.

WESTS OFF TO JAKARTA

Western Suburbs will tour Indonesia in October, playing five or six matches in Jakarta, Surabaya and Bandung.

Persidja-Jakarta, the soccer-controlling body of Jakarta, has officially invited Western Suburbs to make an all expenses paid tour of the country.

They have suggested a squad of 16 players and four officials to go to Indonesia on October 15 and to return home on October 29.

One of the matches will be against a Jakarta XI, which includes eight of the Indonesian World Cup team.

If the tour takes place, the Indonesians will be invited to play in Sydney, Newcastle and on the South Coast in the first two weeks of January 1974.

— C. SPITERI

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	9	4	—	22	4	22
George Cross	7	5	1	27	9	19
Wilhelmina	7	3	3	23	6	17
Hellas	7	2	4	25	17	16
Hakoah	6	4	3	22	17	16
Melbourne	5	4	4	20	17	14
Polonia	4	4	5	9	14	12
Slavia	4	3	6	8	14	11
Alexander	3	4	6	15	18	10
Juventus	3	3	7	14	21	9
Austria	2	4	7	11	26	8
Box Hill	—	2	11	10	43	2

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

With almost two-thirds of the State League program completed, here are the fixtures for this weekend's 14th round:

Saturday: Juventus v. Austria, Box Hill v. Polonia, SM-Hellas v. Hakoah.

Sunday: Melbourne v. George Cross, Slavia v. Wilhelmina, JUST v. Alexander.

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First Division fixtures for Saturday: Mooroolbark v. Sunshine City, Yallourn v. Western Suburbs, Frankston City v. Essendon Lions, Green Gully v. Keilor City, Altona City v. Springvale City, St. Albans v. Ringwood United.

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Last week's State League results: JUST 0 v. Wilhelmina 0. Hakoah 2 (Clarey, Micevski) d. Polonia 0, Austria 3 (Jurcan, Ganglmaier, Goodwin) d. Box Hill 2 (Haynes, Taylor), Alexander 4 (Gibson 2, Gillon, Karapatsos) d. SM-Hellas 2 (Bourne, McIntyre), George Cross 2 (Cunningham, Fox) d. Slavia 1 (McConville, own goal), Juventus 4 (Di Marchi 2, McMeechan, Smart) d. Melbourne 0.

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Few players have had such a meteoric rise in the State League ranks as 18-year-old Mick Micevski, of Hakoah, who joined them at the start of the season from First Division Altona City. Mick has shown by his scoring tally so far that he is destined to become a top striker and his 27-minute spell as a substitute for Victoria against Cruzeiro proved he has the ability and flair for the big time.

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South Melbourne-Hellas have signed three Argentinian forwards who have been in Australia for some weeks: Severiano Solino, Leandro Zarco and Antonio Pizzano.

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Deep-lying JUST centre Steve Rujevic, who has been the "feed" for twin-strikers Branko Buljevic and Dan Zoraja, is likely to out of action for the rest of the season following a recent operation for a groin injury he has been carrying for some time. Another casualty in the Footscray side's ranks is Danish winger Soren Fisker, who sustained a shin injury in the game against Polonia and may miss two or three games.

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Dan Zoraja, of JUST, has rightfully been acknowledged over the past three or four years as the best striker in State League soccer and, of course, his scoring tally proves it. But put Zoraja in a State side jersey as he has worn over the past three years and it's a different matter: he fails to reproduce his club form and seldom looks like finding the net. It was the same thing against Cruzeiro when he was replaced. His inability to click in big games must be a disappointment to the player himself, who recently became naturalised and had his sights set in winning an Australian jersey like team-mate Branko Buljevic.

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Mike Kovacek, the Croatia 'keeper who recently signed for Juventus, won't forget his debut for his new club in a hurry. Playing for Juventus against Melbourne in a Harry Armstrong Cup game, Mike was ordered off!

— JIM COOK

Official Sydney Program

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Australian Squad v. Victoria — Marks Field, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Granville v. Sutherland — Garside Park, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Marconi v. Auburn — Marconi Oval

Rosebery v. Northern Districts — Marks Field
Canterbury v. NS-Inter — Arlington Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Safeway v. Pan Hellenic — Woonona Oval
Hakoah v. Wests — Wentworth Park
Croatia v. St. George — Marks Field
Sutherland v. APIA — Seymour Shaw Park
Granville v. Yugal-Prague — Garside Park

Melita Eagles v. Balgownie — Mona Park
Guildford v. Bankstown — Guildford Park
Corinthians v. Enmore — Parklea Academy
Polonia v. Manly — Soccer Centre

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 21

APIA v .Granville — Lambert Park

Manly v. Guildford — Inman Park
Bankstown v. Melita Eagles — Soccer Centre
Enmore v. Canterbury — Marrickville Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Yugal-Prague v. Marconi — Marks Field
Auburn v. Croatia — Mona Park
St. George v. Hakoah — Hurstville Oval
Wests v. Safeway — Garside Park
Pan Hellenic v. Sutherland — Wentworth Park

Balgownie v. Rosebery — Balgownie Oval
Northern Districts v. Corinthians — Englefield Stadium
NS-Inter v. Polonia — Ground to be arranged.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

ROSEBERY RHODES NEW COMPETITION LEADERS!

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Underdogs Rosebery Rhodes dethroned Balgownie at the top of the table when the Magpies faltered against Guildford in their second loss at Balgownie Oval this season.

While the Magpies went down, the unassuming Rosebery quietly slipped into first place by narrowly winning the "Greek derby" against Enmore.

In another upset, the unpredictable Bankstown beat Manly to add to the pressure and confusion at the top of the table where four points separate the first five teams — two of whom have a game in hand.

Two games were postponed because of the bad weather last weekend.

Balgownie v. Guildford 1-2

Guildford Wanderers lost a Hann at the beginning of the season, which made prospects rather grim for them, but they now have gained a sparkling Williams who helped them knock the leaders at Balgownie Oval with two good goals — his 14th this season.

In an exciting, hard-tackling match, Balgownie failed to take their chances and had to pay dearly for their lapses when Eddie Williams nipped in twice in the second half to help Guildford get their first points ever at Balgownie Oval.

Nigel McGuckin scored in the first half to give the Magpies the lead, but Lester Forrester was otherwise unbeatable.

Twenty-five minutes into the second half Guildford notched the equaliser and with 10 minutes to go they scored the winner.

Balgownie fought back valiantly towards the end of the match but it was a vain effort as Guildford never let up.

Balgownie: Edwards, Davies, Piec, R. Paterson (McLean), Luck, Hall (Roser), Beattie, McGuckin (1), G. Freeme, Norris, E. Freeme.

Guildford: Forrester, Clout, Schofield, Fraser, Brewin, Cornford, Lowe, Powell, Robinson, Christie, Williams (2).

Enmore v. Rosebery 0-1

The rain and muddy surface prevented spectacular football as both teams slugged it out in the slush.

Fifteen minutes from the end, Rosebery were awarded a freekick.

Arthur Thomas drove the ball through a wall of players into the net to get the points that put Rosebery at the top of the table.

Norm Parkin played a good game for Enmore, particularly in the second half.

Rosebery: G. Tsingolis, Young, Turner, Mouhtaris, Kehagias, Blue, Povey, Matthews, Howard, N. Tsingolis, Thomas (1).

Corinthians v. NS-Inter 1-1

Played in a quagmire, this was not much of a game and perhaps the share of the points was the best result.

Inter scored within 10 minutes through Valdemar, but this lead was negated later in the half when Jim Foster mis-kicked the ball and scored an own goal to give Corinthians the draw.

With rain falling heavily, second half play was bogged down on the slippery and muddy surface and neither side had many shots at goal.

Corinthians: Taylor, Stevenson (McCulloch), Draddy, Mack, Jagger, Hendry, Bloor, Harrison, Matthews, Pappas.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Agueci, Randy, Foster (o.g.), Rafaneli, Mulberry (Scimone), Spresian, Poletto, Walsh, Valdemar (1), Somer.

Manly v. Bankstown 0-1

Some brilliant saves by third grade goalkeeper Peter Freeman enabled Bankstown to score the upset of the season when they nudged Manly 1-0 in a hard-fought, but entertaining game at Graham's Reserve.

After the on-and-off confusion, the game was switched from Inman Park, Dee Why, which was affected by water, to Graham's Reserve, which was in perfect condition.

With a breeze behind them, Manly had the better of play in the first half, but at least on three occasions the young Freeman brought off spectacular saves from the Manly forwards.

After the interval, Bankstown moved the ball much better and their breaks down the wings were particularly dangerous.

With about 20 minutes to go, winger Ian McMahon raced through on the right flank, outran the Manly defence and sent a perfect pass for centre-forward David Burke, who swept the ball into the net with the side of his foot.

Bankstown centre-half Norm Penman was carried off the field with a knee injury and Manly were back on the attack with the Towns' defence weakened.

With only minutes to go, Ken Mallam fired a scorcher from a freekick just outside the penalty area, but Freeman made another breathtaking save.

Manly: C. Woods, Warwick, Dunwell, Allen, Hutchinson, Stocks, D. Woods, Gosling, Crawford, Mallam, Bowley.

Bankstown: Freeman, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Penman (Farrell), Watts, McMahon, Beater, Burke (1), Paterson, Grezlak.

THIS WEEK

Most attention this weekend will focus on the clash between Melita and Balgownie at Mona Park.

Neither side can afford to drop any points if they are to continue in the promotion chase. I take the Eagles to win narrowly.

In other games, Rosebery, Canterbury, Manly, Polonia and the exciting Guildford get my nod to win.

LEADING II. DIV. SCORERS

S. KERI (Canterbury)	14
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford)	14
N. McGUCKIN (Balgownie)	12
N. TSINGOLIS (Rosebery)	11
E. PATTERSON (Bankstown)	8
M. BOWLEY (Manly)	7
R. POCOCK (Canterbury)	6

Second Division clubs will have to improve

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The clubs battling it out to win promotion to First Division next season are ill-equipped for the venture and the ultimate winner of the Second Division championship will face great stresses to gear up for the feat.

At this stage, Balgownie, Canterbury, Manly, Rosebery and Melita Eagles are the teams fighting it out tooth and nail for the honor, but none of them would have the slightest chance of surviving in top company on present set-ups.

Even at peak performances, their games are too shallow and they wilt too easily under the sort of pressure which would certainly be applied in top company.

Evidence of this has been manifested quite clearly in recent years with Granville and Sutherland, both of whom had to go to big expense in team rebuilding and are still struggling to hold their own in First Division.

But, of course, it's not sour grapes all round, as very talented players like Steve Perry, Col Bennett, Peter Wykes and Tim O'Maye have been unearthed in the process of promotion.

This is what makes the promotion-relegation system in our code of football one of the most interesting and attractive as every team's place is won or lost on the field.

Of the four teams with promotion aspirations, Canterbury edges out the other three in experience and in playing staff strength.

The Berries have only been down two years from First Division and most of their players have had First Division experience, but on the other hand these players are that much older, too.

Canterbury have former First Division players in Ray Pocock, Steve Keri, Joe Whitehead, the Xipolitas brothers and Bob Hardy.

Balgownie and Manly, who are doing so well, rely almost totally on youthful talent this season.

With proper guidance, we should hear a lot of some of their players in the future.

Young players such as Terry Allen, Stephen Gosling, Steve Dunwell and Mick Bowley, from Manly, and Richard Piec, Ross Paterson, Gary Norris, and Steve Royall, from Balgownie, possess enormous potential for the years ahead.

Then come the underdogs, Rosebery, who under the guidance of president Nick Hatsidulis have won their respective premiership for four years in a row.

The Greek-supported club has had little time for youth programs and their first team is based on proved and established players, who have been acquired by hard cash bargaining — the same way all City-oriented teams operate.

There are some good "old" grafters in the side but even so, promotion will mean digging deeper into the pockets of sponsors.

Melita Eagles would also have to find enormous sums of money to field a worthwhile team if by some miracle they achieved promotion in 1974.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

CHELSEA BOUNCE BACK TO WIN

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Chelsea's inevitable shake-up following their 4-2 loss to Queens Park produced the desired results, and the side ran out 3-1 winners over Blacktown Spartan at wet, windy and muddy Moore Park.

The game itself was clean and hard and after Chelsea established a 1-0 half-time lead from a Blacktown own goal the visitors put on a spurt midway into the second stanza.

Two quick goals came from Barney Milloy, the second from a penalty, and Chelsea was another two points nearer the top.

Maroubra often outplayed Macquarie University in their Second Division clash at Macquarie Oval, but the Uni. boys were fresh and willing after a bye and then "no game" due to a mistake in the draw last week. They held on for a 1-1 draw.

Macquarie's goal was the result of a good passing movement and Graham Mulligan took possession just inside the area to slip the ball nicely into goal.

On the day Geoff Frankish, the Macquarie University goalkeeper, was in rare form, and his handling enabled the team to ride out many anxious moments.

The Sydney University-Macquarie University match held over has now been set down for August 4.

Unlucky Eastwood

Eastwood looked a much better side than Riverstone's 3-0 win at Eastwood indicates.

Once again luck deserted them, but those little extras such as costly shooting mistakes and offsides against them make a big difference, especially on a heavy ground.

Eastwood's results include an earlier draw with Toongabbie and they only lost 2-1 to the strong Riverstone side in their last encounter.

For Riverstone on Saturday Leo Vanderburg scored two and Vince Coles one.

Smith's hat-trick

In Third Division Baulkham Hills and Revesby went 0-0 at Ted Horwood Reserve on Saturday in a deferred match.

Both teams drew 4-all on Sunday, when Revesby met Fairfield and Baulkham Hills played Spartan.

Brian Smith netted three and Wayne Toogood one for Baulkham Hills, for whom right-half Warren Sharpe played a great hand.

The Hills had led 4-2, and the 4-4 result finally came up as the result of a penalty two minutes before time.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea v. Blacktown	3-1	1-3
Nepean v. Yagoona	4-0	0-1
N. B'town v. Greenwich	postponed	
Lane Cove v. W. Ryde	"	
Arncliffe v. Queens Pk.	"	
Gladesville v. Bondi	"	

SECOND DIVISION

S. Sydney v. Artarmon	2-1	1-4
Eastwood v. Riverstone	0-3	4-2
Macquarie v. Maroubra	1-1	6-1
Toongabbie v. Syd. Uni.	postponed	
W. St. George v. Auburn	"	
Dee Why bye.		

THIRD DIVISION

Earlwood v. Holroyd	1-1	2-1
Canley Hts. v. N. Ryde	5-1	5-0
Baulk. H. v. Revesby	0-0	6-3
Blacktown v. Baulk. H.	4-4	0-4
Revesby v. Fairfield	4-4	4-0
Kogarah v. Thornleigh	postponed	
Padstow v. Lethbridge	"	

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Queens Park v. Blacktown — Queens Park; West Ryde v. Yagoona — Waud Showground; Bondi v. Chelsea — Waverley Oval; Artarmon v. West St. George — Artarmon Reserve; Sydney Uni. v. Macquarie Uni. — Beaman Park; Thornleigh v. Earlwood — Thornleigh Oval; North Ryde v. Revesby R. — North Ryde Oval; Padstow Park v. Blacktown Spurs — Soccer Centre.

Sunday: Queens Park v. Lane Cove — Queens Park; Blacktown Spurs v. Arncliffe RSL — Francis Park; Greenwich v. Ravens — Gore Creek Reserve; North Bankstown v. Nepean — George Green; Auburn Juniors v. Macquarie Uni. — Progress Park; Maroubra v. Toongabbie — Coral Sea Park; Riverstone v. South Sydney — Schofields Park; Eastwood v. Dee Why — Eastwood Park; Fairfield-Kiev v. Kogarah — Knight Park; Holroyd v. Baulkham Hills — West Guildford Showground; Lethbridge v. Canley Heights — Jersey Road; Earlwood v. Padstow Park — Hughes Park.

JUNIOR RESULTS

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER-8	
Gladesville v. Manly	2-0
UNDER-9	
S. and D. Assn. v. Ku-ring-gai	1-2
Gladesville v. Manly	1-1
Sutherland v. Southern Dists.	1-0
UNDER-10	
Sutherland v. Southern Dists.	1-0
UNDER-11	
Gladesville v. Manly	10-1
Sutherland v. Southern Dists.	2-0
UNDER-12	
Gladesville v. Manly	2-2
Sutherland v. Southern Dists.	0-0
UNDER-13	
Illawarra v. Nepean	10-0
Gladesville v. Manly	2-1
S. and D. Assn. v. Ku-ring-gai	2-1
Sutherland v. Southern Dists.	9-0

INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER-14	
Manly v. Nepean	2-1
Sutherland v. Gladesville	3-1
Ku-ring-gai v. Wests	2-0
Granville v. Southern Dists.	2-1
UNDER-15	
Manly v. Nepean	10-0
Sutherland v. Gladesville	3-0
Ku-ring-gai v. Wests	2-1
Granville v. Southern Dists.	4-1
UNDER-16	
Manly v. Nepean	3-0
Sutherland v. Gladesville	4-2
Ku-ring-gai v. Wests	4-0
Granville v. Southern Dists.	4-1

SYDNEY AMATEUR LEAGUE

This week's draw:

Saturday: Western v. Fairfield — Cintra Park; Wenty v. Ashcroft — Jones Park; Haberfield v. Apollo — Algie Park; Bank NSW v. Arncliffe — Outer Wentworth Park.

Sunday: Broughton v. Uni. — Steel Park; Azzurri v. Glebe — Easton Park; Maccabi v. Concord — Christison Park; Georges Hall v. Joy — Hanley Park; Olympic v. Bitola — Moore Park No. 6; Lidcombe v. Kewpies — Coleman Park.

Last week's results:

Amateur Cup: Bank NSW v. Joy 3-1; Glebe v. Maccabi 2-1; Concord v. Newtown 3-2; Uni. v. Ashcroft 2-1.

Referees' Trophy: Wesstern v. Joy 2-1; Glebe v. Maccabi 5-3; Concord v. Kewpies 7-2; Broughton v. Ashcroft 5-1.

Sydney Third Division

WENTY CLIMBS UP THE TABLE

Wenty Waratah continued their march away from the relegation zone with a 3-1 victory over Arncliffe Scots at Cahill Park last Saturday.

Wenty's ball control was superior under slippery conditions.

Sixteen-year-old Peter Cook opened Wenty's scoring, and Bobby Vincent followed up with another before halftime.

Brian Bruce, a young player who was snapped up by Wenty after playing in Granville thirds, scored the third, with Arncliffe replying with a penalty for hands 10 minutes from the end.

Considering the atrocious conditions at Mahony Oval, University of NSW and Concordia turned in some nice football before Wales ran out 3-1 winners.

Perhaps 2-1 would have been a better score due to Concordia's excellent control of the ball.

For Wales John Kelly and Mick Batch were the early scorers and coach Alan Eustace raced through the defence to push his team's final goal home.

Concordia scored when Wales' centre-half Les Rootsey pushed the ball into his own net.

Rapid's half-dozen

Riverside outplayed Belmore in the first half but was held to 1-1 at halftime in their match at Rudd Park on Sunday.

The final score of 6-1 to Riverside included goals by Noel Telfer (2), Joe Brantner (2), Mick Bell and David Williams for the winners.

In addition Rapid hit the crossbar four times, the upright three times, and missed from the penalty spot.

Although Ku-ring-gai downed West Sutherland 4-1 at Acron Oval the play was more even than the score indicates.

Last week's results:

Arncliffe v. Wenty 1-3 abandoned
Revesby v. Marrickville postponed
Ku-ring-gai v. W. S'land 4-1 6-0
Belmore v. Riverside 1-6 2-0
Camp'town v. Warringah 3-2 1-3
Concordia v. Uni. of NSW 1-3 0-8

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Warringah v. Arncliffe Scots — Graham Reserve.

Sunday: Wenty v. Belmore — Jones Park; Rapid v. West Sutherland — Mahony Oval; Marrickville v. Concordia — Mackey Park; Campbelltown v. NSW Uni. — Campbelltown Showground; Revesby Workers v. Ku-ring-gai — Milperra Reserve.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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RESULTS & SCORERS

A.P.I.A
1 (0)
Ollerton 86 min.

Granville
1 (1)
Gilmour 21 min. (penalty).

P. Hellenic
2 (0)
Izatt 75 min., Harding 88 min.

Sutherland
0 (0)

Yugal-Prague
3 (0)
J. Alagich 55 and 60 mins., Rudic 85 min.

Marconi
0 (0)

WESTS
1 (0)
Edmunds 68 min.

Safeway
2 (1)
Bingham 43 min. (penalty), Alston 65 min.

St. George
3 (3)
Utjesenovic 27 min., Denton 34 min., Abonyi 36 min.

Hakoah
1 (1)
Fletcher 20 min.

Auburn
4 (2)
Nixon 18 min., Doyle 43 min., D. Smith 52 min., Vojtek 59 min.

Croatia
0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

McQuire 4, Keith 3, Bakaric 4, McArthur 4, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 3, Pollard 3 (Dal Forno 64 min.), Ollerton 3, Rooney 3, T. Butler 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Kelly 4, Selfridge 4, O'Maye 4, T. Edwards 4, Gardiner 4, Spilarewicz 3, Glozier 3, Frazer 3, Gilmour 4, Spiekerman 3 (Hann 79 min.), Marshall 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: B. Williamson**

Maglis 3, Fieldhouse 3, **Izatt 5**, Barbouttis 3, Bell 3, Stowell 3, Muniz 3, Blanco 3 (Culledon 70 min.), Harding 4, Brankin 3, Buckley 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Maher 3, Wykes 4, Perry 3, Bennett 3, Darvill 3 (R. Griffiths 84 min.), Trail 3 (Cockburn 63 min.), Mackay 3, Byrne 3, Lavin 3, Degney 4, Cacciola 3.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Tuinman 4, Trkulja (sent off 29 min.), McDonald 4, Rudic 4, Blacker 3, Rootsey 4, **J. Alagich 5**, Selvage 3, Waters 4, Velkovski 3, Rutherford 4.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: S. Dacevski.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Murray 3, Robertson 4, Moschen 3, Kinnell 4 (Samuel 67 min.), Wright (sent off 29 min.), Richards 4, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 4, Tolson 3, Carrizo 3 (Burns 70 min.), Griffiths 3.

TOTAL: 34. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

Eaton 3, Curran 4 (Edmunds 68 min.), Gray 4, Ferguson 3, Ratcliffe 3, Lindsay 4, Turner 4, T. Smith 4, Moores 3 (Jack 58 min.), Ainslie 4, Byles 3.

TOTAL: 39. **Coach: M. Laing**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

Glover 4, Roberts 4, Wilson 4, Allison 3, Thompson 4, Walker 4, Fryer 3, Bingham 4, Dodd 3, Alston 3, Burnett 4.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: P. Wilson.**

Fraser 5, G. Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Juhasz 4, Williams 4 (Grosse 3), Stoddart 4, Herron 3, Abonyi 4, Warren 4, Hamilton 3, **Denton 5.**

TOTAL: 44. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Coe 4, **Fekete 5**, Davey 4 (Mackay 81 min.), Watkiss 3, Marnoch 3, De Melo 4, Watson 4, Barnes 4, Fletcher 4, Baartz 3, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 41. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Taylor 4, Stewart 3 (Menzies 73 min.), Hughes 3, Lawson 3, McMillan 3, Barnes 3, Leak 3, Keddie 4 (Gibson 44 min. 3), McDonald 3, Rogers 4, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: N. Stöffle.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Corry 4, Clark 3, Harris 4, Brady 4, Yaager 3, Whalley 4, **Doyle 5**, Sullivan 3, Nixon 4, Smith 4, Vojtek 4.

TOTAL: 42. **Coach: M. Kiss.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Peter Ollerton's head again plucked a goal for APIA right out of the blue. With five minutes remaining, and Granville hanging on grimly to a 1-0 lead, "Ollie" banged in Dal Forno's cross into the net past a prostrate Ross Kelly. Though APIA pressed desperately for most of the second half Granville seemed set to win both points. Had they succeeded their victory would not have been usurped. They were clearly the better team in the first half and deserved more than a single goal from a disputed penalty. APIA, lethargic for the first hour, came back strongly towards the end. The game was played at a fast and furious pace and was always entertaining.

Crowd: 2,118. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Lou Gautier

Pan Hellenic did relegation-haunted Granville a favor and eased the last of their own worries by scoring two late goals in a drab match. The game looked to all intents and purposes a scoreless draw until Izatt — the best man on the park — bobbed up with a great header in the 75th minute. This was all that Pan Hellenic needed to do to beat a Sutherland team that never looked likely to win. Pan Hellenic had trump cards too in Dave Harding, who worked tirelessly, and in their fairly competent defence which easily handled the rare Sutherland forays in attack.

Crowd: 1,526. **Referee: F. Sbisa.**

— Lincoln Walters

Full marks to Yugal-Prague, who with five reserves, forced the leaders to backpedal for most of the match. In the first 30 minutes Marconi held a territorial edge, but their attacks fizzled out in front of the goal. Yugal-Prague kept the ball out of the danger zone with sheer determination and utilised their speedy wingers to launch lightning-fast counter-attacks. Joe Alagich had a brilliant game. With any sort of luck he could have grabbed two more goals. Waters, whose excellent distribution set up two goals, was always a thorn in the side of an unusually shaky Marconi defence. Marconi came alive in the last 20 minutes when they threw everything at Yugal-Prague to make the score more respectable, but when they had a goal disallowed they gave up the chase and actually conceded a third goal almost at the end.

Crowd: 3,418. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Frank Jordan

In a match dominated by defences, Safeway were always going to win with a more industrious midfield performance by Walker and Bingham. Wests' defence looked unsafe and they lacked a link with their attack even though Lindsay had a good match. Alston, though not terribly effective, proved how dangerous he can be when his shot was handled for Bingham to convert a penalty, then scored a great winning goal. Wests' puzzling move of replacing Curran was at once rewarded when substitute Edmunds headed home a freekick the first time he touched the ball! Best player on the field was probably Safeway defender Geraint Roberts, who easily had the measure of the unlucky Greg Byles.

Crowd: 565. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Andy Henderson

Played at a cracking pace with the ball continuously travelling from end to end, this was one of the best games of the season. Saints clinched the points with a scoring spree that yielded three goals in nine minutes in the first half after Fletcher had put Hakoah ahead in the 20th minute. Denton's goal, which gave St. George a 2-1 lead, was as good as any the 3,000 spectators will see. Back at his nippy best, Denton pounced on the ball midfield, then weaved his way past half the Hakoah defence, shaking off tackle after tackle before slipping the ball into the net for a truly world-class goal. Hakoah tried vainly to reduce their deficit in the second half. They enjoyed a big territorial advantage but everything their forwards threw at Jim Fraser was brilliantly repulsed by the international goalie.

Crowd: 3,015. **Referee: A. McKenzie.**

— Lou Gautier

After downing Wests and drawing with Saints, Croatia proceeded to annihilate Auburn — a run that would have had them near the top if they had revealed their proper ability earlier. The game might have been different if the marauding Dave Keddie had found an ounce of luck with his shots in the first quarter of an hour. The Croat defence was plenty good enough to weather the storm, and from there on Auburn were never left with a moment's peace. Goals from Nixon, Doyle, Smith and Vojtek all had either the stamp of class or the reward of opportunism. Souths shone everywhere, but much of the damage was done as Johnny Doyle, Jeff Whalley and Billy Vojtek used the ball with grace, ease and pinpoint accuracy in the middle. Whalley is one of the greatly improved players of the season, showing smart footwork and fitness unseen even four weeks back.

Crowd: 1,475. **Referee: G. Warne.**

— Keith Gilmour

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	13	4	2	59	16	30
APIA	12	6	2	36	18	30
Hakoah	10	6	3	42	14	26
Croatia	8	10	2	26	16	26
St. George	7	5	8	30	38	19
Pan Hellenic	6	5	8	21	29	17
Marconi	6	4	8	30	28	16
Auburn	4	8	7	35	37	16
Sutherland	4	7	8	27	31	15
Safeway	5	3	12	23	56	13
Granville	5	2	12	23	40	12
Yugal-Prague	5	2	13	19	44	12

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	11	6	3	39	25	28
Marconi	12	3	3	46	19	27
Sutherland	10	4	5	31	20	24
Hakoah	10	3	6	31	21	23
Wests	9	5	5	34	22	23
St. George	7	8	4	27	20	22
Auburn	9	3	8	34	25	21
Granville	6	5	7	30	31	17
Yugal-Prague	6	4	10	30	42	16
Safeway	5	3	12	16	38	13
Pan Hellenic	5	2	12	27	41	12
Croatia	1	3	16	7	40	5

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	10	4	3	35	19	24
Canterbury	10	3	3	42	16	23
Rosebery	10	3	3	32	18	23
Manly	9	3	5	34	21	21
Melita Eagles	8	2	6	22	16	18
Guildford	8	2	7	35	34	18
Bankstown	7	2	8	24	26	16
Enmore	6	3	8	21	30	15
Polonia	5	3	8	21	33	13
Corinthians	4	4	9	17	35	12
NS-Inter	4	3	10	16	34	11
Nth. Districts	1	2	12	15	32	4

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	15	1	1	58	19	31
Canterbury	13	2	1	50	13	28
Bankstown	8	4	4	35	24	20
Balgownie	9	—	7	37	25	18
NS-Inter	8	—	9	20	22	16
Nth. Districts	5	5	5	20	13	15
Guildford	5	5	7	25	25	15
Melita Eagles	5	4	7	31	24	14
Rosebery	6	2	8	25	32	14
Polonia	4	5	7	18	33	13
Corinthians	4	2	11	24	42	10
Enmore	—	2	15	17	72	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	13	1	3	53	13	27
Bankstown	12	3	1	48	9	27
Polonia	13	—	3	43	10	26
Guildford	11	2	4	65	19	24
Nth. Districts	11	1	3	37	17	23
Balgownie	7	1	8	42	33	15
Canterbury	6	2	8	31	33	14
Corinthians	5	3	9	19	38	13
Melita Eagles	4	2	10	22	46	10
Rosebery	3	2	11	13	61	8
NS-Inter	1	3	13	15	55	5
Enmore	1	2	14	12	69	4

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	14	—	2	39	14	28
Revesby	11	1	4	46	25	23
Marrickville	10	3	4	45	27	23
Ku-ring-gai	10	2	5	46	22	22
W. Sutherland	10	1	6	30	21	21
Arncliffe	8	1	7	22	21	19
Uni. of NSW	7	5	5	31	33	19
Wenty	6	1	10	37	44	13
Belmore	4	3	10	26	43	11
Campbelltown	3	3	11	36	48	9
Warringah	2	4	11	28	45	8
Concordia	1	4	12	17	50	6

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	11	—	5	48	29	22
Nepean	10	2	5	47	34	22
Chelsea	7	7	3	42	33	21
West Ryde	8	4	4	51	33	20
Bondi	8	4	4	34	19	20
Greenwich	7	4	5	49	33	18
Queens Park	8	1	6	41	35	17
Blacktown	6	5	6	34	31	17
Arncliffe	6	4	6	40	36	16
Yagoona	3	5	9	18	44	11
N. Bankstown	1	5	10	16	40	7
Lane Cove	1	1	14	16	69	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverstone	12	1	2	56	30	25
Toongabbie	11	2	1	54	22	24
Sydney Uni.	7	3	3	34	22	17
Artarmon	8	1	7	34	34	17
W. St. George	8	—	6	44	31	16
Maroubra	6	4	5	43	36	16
Macquarie U.	7	1	5	33	24	15
Eastwood	5	2	9	31	44	12
South Sydney	4	3	9	28	48	11
Dee Why	2	2	11	23	49	6
Auburn	1	1	13	19	59	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	13	1	2	61	29	27
Fairfield-Kiev	10	2	5	37	32	22
Baulkham Hills	6	8	3	31	29	20
Revesby	8	3	6	47	26	19
North Ryde	7	4	6	31	30	18
Lethbridge	7	3	6	31	23	17
Holroyd	5	5	7	31	32	15
Earlwood	5	4	8	27	27	14
Blacktown	6	2	9	33	42	14
Canley Heights	5	4	8	28	38	14
Kogarah	3	4	9	26	36	10
Thornleigh	3	4	9	19	48	10

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

St. George v. Marconi	0-0	—
APIA v. Granville	1-0	4-2
Yugal v. Marconi	1-0	1-0
Auburn v. Croatia	1-2	1-0
St. George v. Hakoah	2-2	1-1
Wests v. Safeway	9-0	0-0
Pan Hellenic v. Sutherland	0-1	3-3

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

Manly v. Guildford	1-2	2-1	2-4
B'town v. Melita	2-1	1-0	5-1
Enmore v. C'bury	0-4	1-4	2-3
Balgownie v. R'bery	1-1	1-3	10-0
N. Dists v. C'thians	1-2	2-0	2-1
NS-Inter v. Polonia	0-0	2-3	0-2

POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

CROATIA IS FORM TEAM OF THE MOMENT

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

If ever you wished to prove the point that Sydney football is far better than it receives credit for, then as much evidence as you could need was the South Sydney Croatia team at Mona Park last Sunday.

Croatia, ninth on the table, scored two goals in either half, playing like champions to sweep Auburn off their own home park.

The team's recently found fervor was apparent from the purposeful meanderings of big John Doyle.

John got his pass away to talented Joe Nixon in the 18th minute, and Nixon guided the ball just inside the post.

Doyle's personal goal, two minutes from halftime, was a simple illustration of his tremendous form.

One moment he was defending in the last line. In the next he recognised that Joe Nixon was developing a threatening attack along the right wing.

Split seconds later John Doyle had travelled two-thirds of the field and was on hand to hit the ball in for a well-deserved goal.

Whilst Doyle was at the heart of the team he was far from the only Croatia man that was pumping away.

Jeff Whalley and Billy Vojtek helped to destroy Auburn in the midfield.

In all truth the side went so swimmingly that they were superior in virtually every position.

After the resumption Auburn tried to rattle Souths by dropping high balls from Charlie Barnes and Andy Tracey on the left wing.

The plot failed and on occasions Mike Harris went airborne to even cut out balls above Billy Rogers' towering head.

On the day it was hard to fault Mike Harris and Frank Brady — in fact Brady showed ball skills that would have done his twisting, turning opponent Andy Tracey proud.

Joe Nixon switched from the centre to the right wing. He carved a dozen openings, and is a far more creative player than his previous defensive role had indicated.

The game had started with Auburn attacking and Dave Keddie had four testing shots before Joe Nixon netted first for Croatia.

One tearing drive came after Keddie had broken clear of the combative Mike Harris, but Ron Corry just managed to palm the ball down.

UNLUCKY LOSS

Auburn was unlucky to lose Keddie with a leg injury — a catastrophe in view of Hucker's absence for the rest of the season and Frank Malone's temporary indisposition.

Just before halftime Keddie sent a perfect low ball zooming across South's goalmouth, but Andy Tracey's diving header failed to reach the ball.

By this stage man-mountain Derek Smith was bothering Auburn's rearguard, but at the other end Croatia's backs were proving as tight as a drum.

On the resumption Corry's first long drop-kick from just inside his box landed only a few metres short of Auburn's arc.

This one kick heralded the wind-borne pressure that Auburn had to bear throughout the half.

Croatia were three ahead when Derek Smith nodded in Joe Nixon's cross after the ball had breasted the crossbar without Auburn 'keeper Roy Taylor making a clean catch.

Alec McMillan was driving out plenty of balls from Auburn's defence.

Unfortunately Tom Hughes was taking some time to move the ball away, and the team's midfield was badly shaken.

Billy Vojtek was proving a bundle of well-directed energy, showing the wisdom of returning him to the international scene.

He gathered a tidy but unnecessary crossfield pass from John McDonald before Jim Stewart knew what was on and made the forward move.

No one bothered to pick him up. As Auburn's defence retreated, little Vojtek spurted ahead.

He let fly from 20 metres and the ball flashed into net low to Roy Taylor's right.

Towards the end Croatia coach Mike Kiss used Maurice Sullivan as foil for Derek Smith, and Sullivan revealed a deal of the skill that he should have been displaying more often.

No incident in the game had been greeted with greater enthusiasm than the Vojtek goal.

VOJTEK'S VIEWS

How does the quickwitted Vojtek see his Sydney season?

Billy says he really feels part of the South Sydney Croatia side, even though he flies up from Melbourne and back for each match.

"I like Sydney football although I am very sorry that Melbourne Croatia was outed.

"Melbourne soccer has gone down with the absence of Croatia and players like Jim Mackay and Billy McArthur.

"Sydney is much more professional, and there are more cultured players.

"With three balls in use it is faster — in Melbourne you have time to recover when the ball goes out.

"I had to settle down in Sydney but I believe I was doing better early in the season than people realise.

BILLY VOJTEK

"Now the team is doing so well all round I am showing up more."

Well, Melbourne's loss is Sydney's gain — once again.

As to the quality of soccer in Sydney, it's a pity that we haven't more good grounds, more park improvements, and more and more exciting crowd atmosphere to go with them.

Because South Sydney Croatia, Mike Kiss at the helm, is just one of the teams really displaying the goods at the moment.

TEAM of the WEEK

FRASER (St. George)

ROBERTS (Safeway) — IZATT (Pan Hellenic)

RUDIC (Yugal-Prague)

EDWARDS (Granville) — WHALLEY (Croatia)

BINGHAM (Safeway) — AINSLIE (Wests)

J. ALAGICH (Yugal-Prague) — NIXON (Croatia) — DENTON (St. George)

REFEREES

First Division: Sutherland v. Wests — B. Thompson; Hakoah v. Auburn — T. Davies; Granville v. Pan Hellenic — G. Warne; Safeway v. St. George — A. Boskovic; Croatia v. Marconi — P. Rampley; APIA v. Yugal-Prague — A. Faraone.

Second Division: Canterbury v. Nth. Districts — G. Naprta; Rosebery v. Bankstown — A. McKenzie; Corinthians v. Balgownie — K. Small; Melita Eagles v. Guildford — P. Graham; Polonia v. Enmore — F. O'Connor; NS-Inter v. Manly — F. Sbisa.

Deferred matches

Saints 0 Marconi 1

A controversial goal three minutes from the end won this high-standing midweek thriller for Marconi.

Ernie Campbell looked offside when he collected Ray Richards' superb through-ball to score against a defence that held back somewhat.

Saints, however, only have themselves to blame: they played the better soccer throughout, had six good scoring chances to Marconi's two, but five minutes into the second half Attila Abonyi, the penalty "expert" let the side down when he failed to score from a spot-kick awarded for a foul by Kinnell on Warren.

This was one of the better matches this season. Both teams played excellent football, at a fast speed and in a much better spirit than some had anticipated.

St. George: Fraser 4, G. Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Juhasz 4, Williams 4, Stoddart 4, Herron 3, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Hamilton 3, Denton 3.

Marconi: Murray 4, Robertson 4, **Moschen 5,** Kinnell 4, Wright 3, Richards 4, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 3, Tolson 4, Carrizo 3 (Samuel 82 min.), Griffiths 3.

Scorer: Campbell 87 min.

Referee: T. Davies.

Crowd: 2,873.

Hellenic 0 Hakoah 0

This was a very disappointing match.

Pan Hellenic more than held their own and could even have won with an ounce of luck in the second half.

Hakoah gave a pallid display. Apart from two clear-cut occasions, their forwards were totally subdued by a well-marshalled Hellenic defence.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis 4, Fieldhouse 3, Izatt 3, Barbouttis 4, Bell 4, Stowell 3, Muniz 3, Blanco 3, Harding 4, Blankin 3, Buckley 3 (O'Connor 74 min.).

Hakoah: Coe 4, Fekete 4, Davey 3, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, (De Melo 80 min.), Watson 3, Barnes 3 (Morrow 58 min.), Fletcher 3, Baartz 3, Silva 3.

Referee: A. Faraone.

Crowd: 980.

— L.G.

Sydney Amateur League

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

First Division: Wests v. Broughton 3-1, 0-0; Glebe v. Maccabi 2-3, 10-2; Fairfield v. Georges Hall 2-2, 5-2; Joy v. Concord 2-1, 1-1. **Standings:** Glebe 20; Western, Joy 19; Concord 13; Broughton, Uni., Maccabi 12; Georges Hall 10; Fairfield 2.

Second Division: Apollo v. Bank NSW 1-2, 3-2; Olympic v. Haberfield 6-0, 3-5; Bitola v. Wenty 3-4, 5-1; Arncliffe v. Lidcombe 8-0, 10-0; Ashcroft v. Kewpies 5-1, 6-1.

Standings: Moore Park Olympic 22; Arncliffe Macedonia, Ashcroft 21; Bank NSW 18; Bitola, Lidcombe 12; Apollo 11; Kewpies, Wenty 5; Haberfield 2.

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RESULT SCOREBOARD

	St. George	Marconi	APIA	Hakoah	Yugal	Auburn	Pan Hellenic	Safeway	Wests	Croatia	Sutherland	Granville
St. George	●	0-1	0-1	3-1	4-0	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-0		9-3
Marconi	0-5	●	1-1		0-0	2-2	5-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0
APIA	1-0	1-3	●	2-6		2-2	2-0	3-1	2-1	4-0	5-0	1-1
Hakoah	2-3	0-1	6-0	●	2-0		2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	7-0
Yugal	1-1	3-0	2-0	0-2	●	1-0	2-0	1-1	2-1		0-0	5-1
Auburn	0-1	1-1	3-2	2-3	0-0	●	3-1		0-0	0-4	2-0	1-3
Pan Hellenic	1-7	1-2		0-0	0-2	2-4	●	4-0	0-2	2-2	2-0	1-0
Safeway		1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	●	1-0	1-1	4-2	2-2
Wests	1-5	0-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	●	3-4	3-0	
Croatia	1-1		1-3	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-1	0-3	1-4	●	1-0	1-2
Sutherland	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	3-3	3-2	2-3	2-1		0-2	●	2-1
Granville	0-2	1-2	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-2		0-2	0-8	1-1	5-1	●

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

MATCH OF THE ROUND IS AT MARKS FIELD

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Manly and Melita Eagles bowed out of the promotion race following surprise defeats last week at the hands of Guildford and Bankstown respectively.

And while Balgownie and Rosebery shared the points in their game, Canterbury consolidated their position and are ready to grab the lead with their game in hand and a good goal difference.

At the other end of the table, Northern Districts' effort to stay in Second Division is certain to have definitely failed after their defeat by Corinthians.

Balgownie v. Rosebery 1-1

A crowd of 2,750 watched a fast and exciting game at Balgownie which ended in a fair draw.

Balgownie, who always produce their best in front of their own supporters, played some clever football in the first half, but many moves went astray for lack of finish in front of goal.

After a scoreless first half it was Rosebery who took the lead five minutes from the break with a superb header by Arthur Thomas following a corner.

But the talented Gary Freeme worked the ball up 10 minutes later and set up the equaliser for Nigel McGuckin.

Balgownie: Edwards, Davies, Piec, McLean, Luck, Norris, Beattie, G. Freeme, McGuckin (1), D. Paterson, E. Freeme.

NS-Inter v. Polonia 0-0

Polonia had a chance to take both points midway through the second half, but Stan Minol hit the post from a penalty kick.

In the first half Polonia missed several chances: in one instance Prokurat blasted the ball skywards with an empty goal at his mercy!

But Inter also had their share of bad luck: two occasions they hit the woodwork.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Ciappina, Randy, Ledesma, Foster, Rafaneli, Spresian, Poletto (Mulberry), Walsh, Valdemar, Sommer.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Zounis, Kulak (Blaszczck), Urbas, Komoder, Dragan, Minol, Janiak, Prokurat, Cicchini.

Enmore v. Canterbury 0-4

Canterbury revelled in the Marrickville Oval mud to turn this game into a one-horse race.

Ray Pocock, who has been rather goal-shy this season, scored a hat-trick to keep the Berries well in the race for the premiership.

Canterbury went for the "kill" from the start and within two minutes Steve Keri missed a sitter but Pocock opened the score a couple of minutes later and they never looked back.

Enmore never looked like containing the Berries whose other scorer was Welton.

Bankstown v. Melita Eagles 2-1

Two goals in the last 15 minutes by third grader Dennis Daley put paid to Melita's slim hopes of challenging for promotion.

Despite the loss of John Duffy, who resigned during the week as coach, Melita had a big share of the ball and mounted many attacks which broke down through the lack of shooting power up front.

They took the lead midway in the first half when Bob Dougan scored from a penalty and held this lead until the final burst by Daley.

Bankstown played much better in the second half, particularly towards the end when they finished right on top.

Bankstown: Freeman, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Watts, Penman, Madden, McMahon (Reynolds), Beater, Burke, Daley (2), Grezlak.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Belenzuela, Henrietty, D. McAusland, Hewlett (Lodge), Vrolyks, C. McAusland, Dougan (1), Bankhead, Molyneaux.

Manly v. Guildford 1-2

Tremendous team spirit and enthusiasm enabled Guildford to pull out from an almost impossible position to spring the big surprise of the round.

After a goalless first half, Manly took the lead five minutes after the resumption and five minutes later a Guildford defender received his marching orders for alleged rough play.

But with only 10 men, Guildford lifted their game and put everything they had into it.

Striker Eddy Williams pounced on a loose ball 20 minutes from the end to get the equaliser and with five minutes to fulltime he converted a penalty to give the Wanderers both points.

Northern Districts v. Corinthians 1-2

Corinthians ensured themselves a place in Second Division in 1974 by winning this tense relegation battle.

Goals by Ian Bloor and Ray Stevenson in the first half when Corinthians dominated the game gave them a comfortable lead.

Norths finished the stronger in the second half, but could only notch a consolation goal seven minutes from the end when Chris Martin beat goalkeeper Taylor from close range.

Seventeen-year-old third grader Ross Cambridge, making his debut in first grade, was one of the stars of Corinthians' forward line.

THIS WEEK

Can Bankstown with nothing at stake, keep upsetting the big guns of the competition?

This is the question which will be answered in the match of the round at Marks Field on Saturday.

Rosebery won't have an easy task against the "Towns" in their present mood.

However, they should take the points in a close match.

In other matches Canterbury, Balgownie, Polonia and Manly should win, but a very close match is likely at Mona Park where the dynamic Guildford meet the ailing Melita Eagles.

LEADING II. DIV. SCORERS

E. WILLIAMS (Guildford)	18
S. KERI (Canterbury)	17
N. McGUCKIN (Balgownie)	14
N. TSINGOLIS (Rosebery)	11
R. POCOCK (Canterbury)	10
E. PATERSON (Bankstown)	8
M. BOWLEY (Manly)	7
K. MALLAM (Manly)	7

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for Round 16 this weekend:
Saturday: George Cross v. Austria, Melbourne v. Wilhelmina, Slavia v. Alexander.
Sunday: Juventus v. Polonia, Box Hill v. Hakoah, SM-Hellas v. JUST.

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Last week's State League results: JUST v. Hakoah 0-0, George Cross 1 (Gardiner) v. SM-Hellas 1 (McIntyre), Wilhelmina 1 (Steele) v. Juventus 1 (Gorrie), Alexander 6 (Gibson 3, Gillon 2, Adamtsikis) d. Box Hill 0, Melbourne 2 (Cummings 2) d. Austria 0, Slavia 1 (Howie) d. Polonia 0.

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First Division fixtures for Saturday are: Sunshine City v. Western Suburbs, Mooroolbark v. Lions, Yallourn v. Keilor City, Frankston v. Springvale, Green Gully v. Ringwood Utd., St. Albans v. Altona.

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Bob Gough, who kept goal for JUST in the 50's, is in the Royal Melbourne Hospital and his many friends in soccer will no doubt join me in wishing him well.

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Dave McGuinness, the former Ayr United player who has been with Lions for several seasons, has returned to Scotland.

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While Victoria cannot offer much more in the way of players to the Australian squad than has been selected, Sandy Irvine is now playing so well for Juventus that it wouldn't be all that absurd to give him another chance in the national side in the near future. For after all, Irvine is still in his early twenties.

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It looks an odds-on bet that either Joe Cunningham, the 20-year-old George Cross striker, or the experienced JUST goalgetter, Dan Zoraja, will be $350 richer at the end of the State League season by winning the Canberra TV and HSV 7 awards for the highest scorer.

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For almost all the time they have been in the State League, Fitzroy United have been called "Alexander's Ragtime Band" with little or no stability either in their management or on the playing field. But bolstered by the Bannon brothers, Gibson and Gillan they have been hailed as "Alexander the Great" after recent wins over SM-Hellas and JUST. And credit where it's due: their backroom boys, too, have shown improvement in running the club.

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Box Hill, doomed to relegation with almost a third of the season still to go have an unbelievably poor side — the worst they have ever had in their several terms in the State League. And although they have no stars in attack, the fact that they have conceded three goals per game so far is an indication that their defence is riddled with holes. John Brown the former George Cross star who is player-coach of the Hillmen has an unenviable task as he trots his team on to the field every weekend.

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George Cross have a new player in Joe Wilson who played with Wolves and Workington. He is a defender in the veteran stage aged 34. This week they are supposed to be getting Frank McAurthy, a 23-year-old Irish winger who is reckoned something of a speedster like Willie Rutherford.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

NEPEAN, GLADESVILLE SHARE LEAD

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Nepean's 6-2 win over West Ryde both puts them up with Gladesville Ravens and reverses their first round result against the Rovers.

Apparently stung by their loss against North Bankstown last week, Nepean went to a 4-2 lead at halftime.

Nepean kept goals coming from all sides, scorers in order being Peter Pearson, Dennis Thomas, Chris Gallagher, Kerry Kneller, Dennis Thomas again, and finally Calvin Thoms.

West Ryde's scorers were Dave Wakeling and Eddie Gielarowski.

On the day West Ryde were outsped, outplayed and outfought.

Game North Bankstown came within a goal of upsetting Gladesville Ravens, with a final 3-2 scoreline.

Harry Shand and his local lads are gaining experience with every match, and the way they are going they may yet escape the relegation threat that has clouded their season.

3-3 DRAW

Greenwich and Chelsea settled for a 3-3 draw for the second time this year. Chelsea starting the scoring with a Barney Milloy penalty, followed with goals from Malcolm Curtis and Bobby Stuart.

Graham Firrell (2) and Tony Foster found the net for Greenwich.

Bondi downed Arncliffe 2-1 with goals from Mick Rolston and Ecky Gardiner.

Rolston fought strongly to hit home his shot following a Geoff Hornby long ball, and Gardiner worked the 1-2 — with Alan Ward before scoring from six metres.

WEST ST. GEORGE

At Peakhurst Park Riverstone failed to take their early chances, whereas West St. George got one and proceeded to lift their game to a 4-0 win.

West, a fast young side, used the long ball to effectively upset their more experienced opponents.

Eastwood's Vic Mankin scored two goals, Paul Wright collected a penalty, and South Sydney gave them two own goals in their 5-1 win.

Toongabbie downed Auburn 4-1, goals coming from John Keddie, Bill Polkinghorne, Laurie Parkhouse and Steve Wood.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION		
Nepean v. West Ryde	6-2	1-4
Chelsea v. Greenwich	3-3	2-1
Yagoona v. Queens Park	0-6	1-5
Lane Cove v. Blacktown	0-5	2-1
Arncliffe RSL v. Bondi	1-2	3-3
Gladesville v. N. B'town	3-2	2-0
SECOND DIVISION		
Dee Why v. Sydney Uni.	1-1	1-0
Sth. Sydney v. Eastwood	1-5	2-1
Toongabbie v. Auburn	4-1	3-0
Macquarie U. v. Artarmon	3-0	2-4
W. St. Geo. v. Riverstone	4-0	2-2
THIRD DIVISION		
Kogarah v. North Ryde	2-3	0-0
Revesby v. Lethbridge	2-1	5-1
B'town Spurs v. Holroyd	1-1	1-2
Baulkham H. v. Thornleigh	2-2	6-0
Earlwood v. Fairfield	0-3	5-2
Canley H. v. Padstow Pk.	3-3	0-2

This weekend's draw:
Saturday: Bondi v Lane Cove — Waverley Oval; North Bankstown v. Chelsea — George Green; Gladesville Ravens v. Nepean — Peel Park; Artarmon v. Toongabbie — Artarmon Reserve; Maroubra v. Sydney Uni. — Coral Sea Park; South Sydney v. Dee Why — Booralee Park; Thornleigh v. Holroyd — Thornleigh Oval; Padstow Park v. Revesby Rovers — Soccer Centre; Kogarah v. Fairfield-Kiev — Evatt Park.
Sunday: Greenwich v. Arncliffe RSL — Gore Creek Reserve; Blacktown Spartan v. Yagoona — Francis Park; Queens Park v. West Ryde — Queens Park; Riverstone v. Macquarie Uni. — Schofields Park; Eastwood v. West St. George — Eastwood Park; Lethbridge v. Kogarah — Jersey Road; North Ryde v. Earlwood — North Ryde Oval; Fairfield-Kiev v. Baulkham Hills — Knight Park; Canley Heights v. Blacktown Spurs — King Park.

JUNIOR RESULTS

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER-8	
Manly v. Canterbury	0-3
Granville v. St. George	1-2
Ku-ring-gai v. Sutherland	0-0
UNDER-9	
Manly v. Canterbury	3-0
Granville v. St. George	2-2
Ku-ring-gai v. Sutherland	0-2
Bankstown v. Sth. Districts	3-1
UNDER-10	
Manly v. Canterbury	0-0
Granville v. St. George	5-2
Ku-ring-gai v. Sutherland	0-2
Bankstown v. Sth. Districts	0-2
UNDER-11	
Manly v. Canterbury	4-1
Wests v. Illawarra	0-4
Granville v. St. George	2-3
Ku-ring-gai v. Sutherland	1-0
Bankstown v. Sth. Districts	2-2
UNDER-12	
Manly v. Canterbury	0-1
Granville v. St. George	2-3
Ku-ring-gai v. Sutherland	2-1
Bankstown v. Sth. Districts	3-1
UNDER-13	
Wests v. Illawarra	2-5
Bankstown v. Sth. Districts	6-0
Nepean v .S. and E. Assn.	1-5

INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER-14	
Gladesville v. Ku-ring-gai	1-2
Wests v. Granville	0-3
Manly v. Sutherland	1-4
Bankstown v. Nepean	10-1
St. George v. Sutherland	1-1
UNDER-15	
Gladesville v. Ku-ring-gai	3-2
Wests v. Granville	0-2
Manly v. Sutherland	2-0
Bankstown v. Nepean	5-1
St. George v. Sutherland	3-0
UNDER-16	
Gladesville v. Ku-ring-gai	2-3
Wests v. Granville	1-4
Manly v. Sutherland	4-1
Bankstown v. Nepean	1-5
St. George v. Sutherland	0-0

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	9	5	1	22	9	23
George Cross	8	6	1	29	10	22
Hellas	8	3	4	28	19	19
Wilhelmina	7	4	4	26	10	18
Hakoah	6	5	4	23	19	17
Melbourne	6	4	5	22	18	16
Slavia	6	3	6	12	16	15
Alexander	5	4	6	22	18	14
Polonia	5	4	6	11	15	14
Juventus	4	4	7	18	22	12
Austria	2	4	9	11	31	8
Box Hill	—	2	13	10	51	2

Sydney Third Division

UNI. HAPPY TO FORCE A DRAW

University of NSW, one goal to the good within two minutes of the opening whistle, had plenty of the game against Arncliffe Scots but ended up a trifle lucky to share the points.

Wales' goal came when John Kelly capitalised on a defensive mix-up between the opposing goalkeeper and fullbacks.

Arncliffe scored following an 80th minute corner which the Students' defence misjudged, and they also had the misfortune to miss a penalty.

Marrickville went great guns for 60 minutes against Campbelltown, leading by an unbelievable six goals.

Campbelltown didn't throw in the towel, and came back with three beauties before Marrickville realised what was happening.

Steve Ramsay bagged four goals for Marrickville.

Kevin Openshaw scored a brilliant goal in Revesby's 3-1 win over a disappointing Concordia.

While two players made a dummy run, Openshaw's long distance ground shot found the target.

Ken Thorpe and Barry Roberts were the Workers' other scorers.

A goal from attacking fullback David Williams carried Riverside Rapid to an important win over Ku-ring-gai.

Build-ups came well but there was insufficient imagination about scoring.

Riverside toppled their then nearest competitor with only one regular forward, Mick Bell, on show for the game.

Down at Seymour Shaw, the revitalised Wenty Wara-tah upset West Sutherland, 5-0 conquerors of Riverside last week, to the tune of 3-1.

Last week's results:

Belmore v. Warringah	3-1	1-4
A'cliffe Scots v. Uni. NSW	1-1	2-0
Ku-ring-gai v. Riverside	0-1	4-0
W. Sutherland v. Wenty	1-3	3-2
C'belltown v. Marrickville	3-6	0-3
Concordia v. Revesby W.	1-3	1-8

This weekend's draw:
Saturday: Wenty v. Rapid — Jones Park; Concordia v. Ku-ring-gai — Mahony Oval.
Sunday: Marrickville v. Arncliffe Scots — Mackey Park; Belmore v. NSW Uni. — Rudd Park; Warringah v. West Sutherland — Graham's Reserve; Revesby Workers v. Campbelltown — Milperra Reserve.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Sutherland
0 (0)

WESTS
1 (1)
Ainslie 8 min.

Hakoah
2 (0)
Fletcher 66 min., Mackay 81 min.

Auburn
1 (0)
Gibson 62 min.

Safeway
3 (2)
Bingham 1 min., Allison 25 min., Fryer 69 min.

St. George
2 (1)
Denton 17 min., Roberts (own goal) 65 min.

Croatia
2 (1)
Smith 3 min., Moschen (own goal) 52 min.

Marconi
3 (1)
Richards 20 and 61 mins., Campbell 81 min.

A.P.I.A
0 (0)

Yugal-Prague
0 (0)

Granville
2 (1)
Marshall 7 and 89 mins.

P. Hellenic
4 (3)
Harding 3, 29 and 44 mins., Brankin 84 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Maher 5, Perry 3, Campbell 3 (replaced Wykes 23 min.), Bennett 3, Darvill 3, Lavin 3, Trail 3, Byrne 3, Mackay 3 (Cacciola, second half, 3), Degney 3, Cockburn 3.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: R. Foster.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻

Eaton 5, Curran 3, Gray 3, Ferguson 3, Radcliffe 3, Lindsay 3, Bacon 3, T. Smith 3, Turner 3 (replaced Moores 22 min.), Ainslie 3, Byles 3.

TOTAL: 35. **Coach: M. Laing**

Nuttridge 4, **Fekete 5**, Davey 3 (Mullen 61 min.), Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, Watson 4, Barnes 3, Fletcher 3, Baartz 3, De Melo 3.

TOTAL: 38. **Coach: D. Maclaren.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻

R. Taylor 4, Stewart 3, Hughes 3, Malone 3, McMillan 3, Lawson 3, Tracey 4 (replaced Parker 12 min.), Keddie 3, McDonald 4, Rogers 3, Gibson 3.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: N. Stiffle.**

Glover 3, Roberts 4, Wilson 4, Allison 3, **Thompson 5**, Walker 4, Fryer 3, **Bingham 5**, Dodd 3, Alston 3, Burnett 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: P. Wilson.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Fraser 3, G. Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Grosse 3, Williams 3, Stoddart 3, Herron 3, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Hamilton 4, Denton 4.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: M. Johnson.**

Corry 4, Knight 3, Harris 4, Brady 3, Yaager 3, Whalley 4, Doyle 4, Sullivan 3, Nixon 3, Smith 4, **Vojtek 5.**

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: M. Kiss.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Murray 3, Robertson 4, Moschen 3, Kinnell 4, Wright 3, **Richards 5**, Brajkovic 3 (Mihajlevic 61 min.), Campbell 4, Tolson 4, Carrizo 3 (Burns 46 min.), Griffith 4.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: Z. Rasic.**

McQuire 4, Bakaric 4, Callaghan 4, McArthur 4, McGhee 3, Russell 4, Blues 4, Dal Forno 3, Ollerton 3, Pollard 3 (replaced Rooney 16 min.), Butler 4.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: J. Marston.**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Tuinman 4, Trkulja 4, McDonald 4 (Boskovski 79 min.), **Rudic 5**, Blacker 4, Rootsey 3, J. Alagich 3, Selvage 3, Waters 3, Velkovski 4, Rutherford 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: S. Dacevski.**

Kelly 4, Selfridge 2, O'Maye 3, T. Edwards 4, Gardiner 3, Spilarewicz 4, Glozier 3, Frazer 4, Gilmour 2, Spiekerman 3 (Hann 83 min.), Marshall 4.

TOTAL: 36. **Coach: B. Williamson**

Match rating: ✻ ✻ ✻ ✻

Maglis 4, Fieldhouse 3, Izatt 3, Barbouttis 4, Bell 4, Stowell 3, Muniz 4, Blanco 4 (Culledon 84 min.), **Harding 5**, Brankin 3, Buckley 3.

TOTAL: 40. **Coach: J. Kalageros.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Wests started off in promising fashion and were one goal up after only eight minutes when Ainslie scored a typically fierce left-footed freekick. They continued to press for a while after that, but gradually their pace and enthusiasm petered out. Sutherland came back into the picture, but their passing and shooting was so woeful that Wests were allowed to hang on to their narrow lead until fulltime. This is a game both teams will want to forget in a hurry. Apart from Wests' good start, there was precious little to enthuse about. With the exception of both goalkeepers, who were outstanding and did not put a foot wrong for 90 minutes, one can't single out any other player for any praise.

Crowd: 1,097. **Referee: B. Thompson.**

— Lou Gautier

Hakoah enjoyed a vast territorial advantage but could not capitalise in front of goal and looked destined for a shock defeat as their opponents, with limited opportunities, were more purposeful in this department. Auburn goalie Taylor was called upon to parry some difficult long-range shots but Hakoah's shooting was generally astray. Robert Fekete was the best player on the field. Making the most of the room Auburn's forwards allowed him, he overlapped brilliantly and figured in both Hakoah goals. The winning goal was as unconvincing as the team's performance. Jim Mackay, somehow, got a touch to a Fletcher cross and the ball went in off the post nine minutes from the end.

Crowd: 1,179. **Referee: T. Davies.**

— Andy Henderson

Safeway displayed their best form of the season at home to rather easily dispose of a disappointing St. George. Apart from a short period in the second half, Saints were forced back in their own half. Safeway won the game in the midfield where Bingham and Walker played very well. They supplied their forwards with plenty of chances and had Fryer been on target the score could have been higher. Stacked with internationals, St. George only had one player whose reputation remains intact after this fiasco: John Warren. United's best were Bingham and Thompson, while Peter Wilson played a typical captain's game, continually urging his side on.

Crowd: 2,560. **Referee: A. Boskovic.**

— Peter Schumacher

These were two good sides, closely matched in style and ability, but Marconi had a touch more inspiration and know-how, and were ahead in fitness when it came to the vital period. Apart from the top men of the day in Richards, Griffith, Kinnell and Campbell on one side and Vojtek and Doyle on the other, there was plenty of real talent on show. Robertson came forward from the defence with increasing confidence, and Max Tolson stroked the ball back to the right places to wear down the Croatians. Frank Brady was most determined in the air, with he and Mike Harris providing a strong defensive combination in the centre. Jeff Whalley is one of the real prospects of the year. Whilst Marconi ended up 3-2 winners, this S.S.C. team would achieve a greater measure of success if they are settled down early in 1974. Referee Rampley gave an excellent display.

Crowd: 2,655. **Referee: P. Rampley.**

— Keith Gilmour

Despite the lack of goals this was a most entertaining game which had the crowd on its toes from start to finish. Either team could have won: it was that close. A draw is perhaps the fairest result as chances were about even throughout. APIA were on top for the first 25 minutes, despite the loss of Rooney after 16 minutes, then Yugal-Prague came out of their defensive shell and honors were even until halftime. Yugal started the second period full of fire and for a while looked as though they would break-through for a goal. APIA's defence held firm, however, and in the latter stages the home side again gained the upper hand. There were several good performers, but Ivo Rudic, for me, was the best afield. This was a no beg pardons affair, but the soccer, though virile, never got out of hand thanks to some fine refereeing by Tony Faraone.

Crowd: 4,083. **Referee: T. Faraone.**

— Lou Gautier

Granville's hopes of staving off relegation faded when Pan Hellenic turned in one of their best performances of the season to beat them ever so convincingly. Centre-forward Dave Harding, in devastating form, was the man who shattered the morale of the fighting Granville who had done so well in recent matches. Harding scored a brilliant hat-trick — two headers and a scorching shot from 15 metres, none of which could be blamed on goalkeeper Ross Kelly. Raul Blanco and George Barbouttis dominated the game for Hellenic from the midfield, winning the bigger share of the ball to always keep Granville on the run. Granville looked surprisingly dejected and disorganised and did not click at any stage against their faster, more skilful opponents.

Crowd: 1,263. **Referee: G. Warne.**

— Charles Spiteri

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	15	4	2	63	18	34
APIA	13	6	2	41	18	32
Hakoah	11	6	3	48	14	28
Croatia	9	10	2	29	18	28
St. George	7	5	9	31	41	19
Pan Hellenic	6	6	8	23	31	18
Marconi	6	4	10	32	32	16
Auburn	4	8	8	35	43	16
Sutherland	4	7	9	29	34	15
Safeway	6	3	12	26	57	15
Granville	5	3	12	25	42	13
Yugal-Prague	5	2	14	19	49	12

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	13	4	3	52	20	30
APIA	12	6	3	40	25	30
Sutherland	10	5	5	32	21	25
St. George	8	9	4	29	21	25
Wests	10	5	5	35	23	24
Auburn	10	3	8	36	26	23
Hakoah	10	3	7	32	23	23
Granville	7	5	7	31	31	19
Yugal-Prague	6	4	11	30	43	16
Safeway	5	3	13	16	39	13
Pan Hellenic	5	2	13	27	42	12
Croatia	1	3	17	7	45	5

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	11	4	3	39	19	26
Canterbury	11	3	3	48	18	25
Rosebery	11	3	3	37	18	25
Manly	10	3	5	37	22	23
Guildford	9	2	7	37	34	20
Melita Eagles	8	2	7	22	18	18
Enmore	7	3	8	25	32	17
Bankstown	7	2	9	24	31	16
Polonia	5	3	9	23	37	13
Corinthians	4	4	10	17	39	12
NS-Inter	4	3	11	17	37	11
Nth. Districts	1	2	13	17	36	4

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	15	2	1	58	19	32
Canterbury	13	3	1	50	13	29
Bankstown	8	5	4	39	28	21
Balgownie	10	—	7	38	25	20
NS-Inter	8	1	9	20	22	17
Guildford	6	5	7	30	25	17
Nth. Districts	5	6	5	20	13	16
Rosebery	6	3	8	29	36	15
Polonia	5	5	7	22	33	15
Melita Eagles	5	4	8	31	29	14
Corinthians	4	2	12	24	43	10
Enmore	—	2	16	17	76	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	14	1	3	58	14	29
Bankstown	13	3	1	50	10	29
Polonia	14	—	3	47	10	28
Nth. Districts	12	1	3	39	17	25
Guildford	11	2	5	68	23	24
Balgownie	7	1	9	42	34	15
Corinthians	6	3	9	20	38	15
Canterbury	6	2	9	31	35	14
Melita Eagles	5	2	10	26	49	12
Rosebery	3	2	12	14	63	8
NS-Inter	1	3	14	16	60	5
Enmore	1	2	15	12	73	4

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	14	—	3	39	15	28
Ku-ring-gai	11	2	5	49	23	24
Revesby	11	2	4	46	25	24
Marrickville	10	4	3	48	30	24
W. Sutherland	10	2	6	30	21	22
Arncliffe	8	2	7	25	24	20
Uni. of NSW	7	5	6	33	36	19
Wenty	7	1	10	38	44	15
Belmore	5	3	10	29	45	13
Campbelltown	3	4	11	26	48	10
Warringah	2	5	11	28	45	9
Concordia	1	4	13	18	53	6

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	11	2	5	50	36	24
Gladesville	11	—	6	50	32	22
Bondi	9	4	4	35	19	22
Chelsea	7	8	3	43	34	22
West Ryde	8	5	4	53	35	21
Greenwich	8	4	5	52	33	20
Queens Park	8	3	6	44	38	19
Blacktown	7	5	6	37	31	19
Arncliffe	6	5	7	41	40	17
Yagoona	3	5	10	18	47	11
N. Bankstown	1	6	10	17	41	8
Lane Cove	1	1	15	16	70	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	13	2	1	61	25	28
Riverstone	13	1	2	60	32	27
Sydney Uni.	8	3	4	37	25	19
W. St. George	9	—	6	49	33	18
Artarmon	8	1	8	35	38	17
Maroubra	6	4	6	43	37	16
Macquarie U.	7	1	6	35	28	15
South Syd.	5	3	9	32	49	13
Eastwood	5	2	10	33	49	12
Dee Why	2	2	12	24	53	6
Auburn	1	1	13	19	59	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	13	2	2	63	31	28
Fairfield	11	2	5	38	32	24
Revesby	8	4	6	49	28	20
North Ryde	8	4	6	34	30	20
Baulkham H.	6	8	4	31	30	20
Lethbridge	8	3	6	39	26	19
Holroyd	6	5	7	35	35	17
Blacktown	6	3	9	33	42	15
Canley Hts.	5	5	8	28	38	15
Earlwood	5	4	9	27	30	14
Kogarah	3	4	10	29	44	10
Thornleigh	3	4	10	22	52	10

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Wests v. Marconi	1-0	—
Sutherland v. Wests	2-3	1-1
Hakoah v. Auburn	6-0	1-2
Granville v. Pan Hellenic	2-2	1-0
Safeway v. St. George	3-1	0-1
Croatia v. Marconi	3-2	0-5
APIA v. Yugal-Pr.	5-0	1-0
St. George v. Marconi	—	1-1

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)
(Second and Third Grades)

Rosebery v. B'town	5-0	4-4 1-2
C'bury v. N. Dists.	4-2	0-0 0-2
Corins. v. B'gownie	0-4	0-1 1-0
Melita v. Guildford	0-2	0-5 4-3
Polonia v. Enmore	2-4	4-0 4-0
NS-Inter v. Manly	1-3	0-0 1-5

POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

RAY RICHARDS EXPLODES TO BLAST CROATIA

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

One keen Croatia fan confided in me before the game against Marconi that he had dreamt of a 6-0 win for his side the previous night.

Well, I'm not against those delightful flights of fancy that while away our sleeping hours.

However, those harsh, undeniable facts — known today as nitty gritty and never as dreams — have the habit of unceremoniously sweeping everything before them.

Out Bossley Park way these subjects are their own version of "Vital Statistics", and in a nutshall they run something like this:

Marconi 3, Croatia 2 = 2 points + 28 points already on the board = 30 = 1 more than Hakoah.

In the same Southern soccer capital, subsidiary figures receive scant attention, e.g. Marconi, goals for 31, goals against 22, goal difference + 9; Hakoah, goals for 42, goals against 16, difference + 26. See above, 30 points trumps 29, so goal difference meaningless . . .

That's how it stands to this week, and what happens at Marconi next Sunday is just another crucial ball game.

At Sydney Athletic Field last week 2,655 fans — plus a sizeable deputation from the constabulary — saw an entertaining match in which Croatia led 1-0 and 2-1 only to wilt under Marconi's pressure over the last 15 minutes.

For many of the crowd the thought of a first round 3-1 loss to Marconi was abhorrent, but there was no doubt the 3-2 score was for real this time.

KNACK

In bagging two of Marconi's three goals Ray Richards proved two things.

The first was to again display his glorious knack of exploding into action at the psychological moment.

In the 61st minute he spurted through the centre in a solo dash that left Ron Corry pegged to the ground as the shot sped hard and low to the corner.

The second was to prove that Croats must love him a little more than the Greeks, because their chorus of disapproval for "Mr. World Cup" was a little more subdued than he is accustomed to receiving at Wentworth Park.

Anyhow, Ray had been found up front once already which was in the 20th minute when his head met a corner from determined runner Alan Griffith, and ball reached net in a subsequent deflection.

Deflections had been the order of the day even from the third minute, when Stewart Robertson fouled Souths' Joe Nixon five metres outside the box.

John Doyle confided in Billy Vojtek as if he was ready to tip the ball his way, but it was Derek Smith who took the shot which sailed off the wall with Marconi 'keeper Billy Murray badly placed to meet the challenge.

Both sides indulged in some near misses after Richards had brought the count to 1-1.

The closest was in the 33rd minute when Doyle's freekick was ideally centred across the eight-metre line, but Maurice Sullivan's attempted header entirely missed the invitation to score.

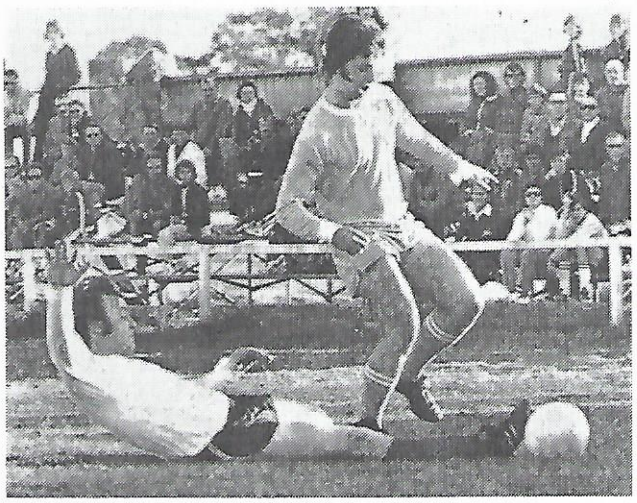
An own goal from Alfredo Moschen took Croatia to 2-1, and Richards' run evened matters at 2-2.

With nine minutes remaining, a defensive slip-up saw Alan Griffiths in possession in a forward inside-left position.

His incisive pass found Ernie Campbell unattended on the far post and Corry's valiant attempt to cover was wasted as Campbell coolly trapped the ball and placed it in.

Predictably, Marconi shut the gates, and a couple of free-kicks from outside the box could find nary a chink in their defence.

A final word for big George Kinnell for his peerless placements from freekicks, and a consolation prize to little Billy Vojtek, who played with such well-directed drive that he didn't deserve to be in a losing side.



This Western Suburbs defender falls flat on his back as Sutherland's Joe Cacciola speeds towards goal in last Saturday's dismal match at Seymour Shaw Park. Wests won 1-0 to keep their slim semifinal hopes alive.

REFEREES

First Division: Marconi v. Hakoah — P. Rampley; St. George v. Sutherland — G. Warne; Yugal-Prague v. Croatia — T. Davies; Auburn v. Safeway — A. McKenzie; Wests v. Granville — F. Sbisa; Pan Hellenic v. APIA — A. Boskovic.

Second Division: Enmore v. NS-Inter — E. Truppe; Melita Eagles v. Northern Districts — H. Witschke; Guildford v. Rosebery — B. Thompson; Manly v. Melita Eagles — A. Faraone; Bankstown v. Corinthians — J. Henkelman; Balgownie v. Canterbury — W. Bruce; Northern Districts v. Polonia — P. Graham.

MEET A FIRST DIVISION PLAYER

Martin Coe

(HAKOAH)

If there's one trade that clicks today it's a plumber — and when the plumber is one of the top goalkeepers in Australia then there's two utterly desirable occupations going for him all the way.

At the end of 1972, after years of being near the top of the tree in Brisbane, 24-year-old Martin Coe decided he was getting nowhere fast by staying at home.

Up he packed and down to Sydney to contact Dave Marnoch, Hakoah's man-for-all-seasons.

ON LOAN

The club invited him to train, and after two weeks' inspection, coach Dave Maclaren decided to take him on loan from Brisbane's Bardon Latrobe club.

This involved a second team place, but when Owen Nuttridge suffered a foot injury, Martin took a hold of the first team berth.

His reliability, judgment with the high balls and two-footed clearances have made a big impression on the Sydney public.

The possibility of a Sydney premiership win and an ambition for national team selection loom clear in the mind of this resolute, well-built Bananalander.

If things fall into place for him in future then the battle will have been worthwhile.

BATTLER

Battle it has been, because for every success there has been a disappointment.

In fact he has been the second string man almost more times than he has had breakfasts since the days he left The Gap Pasttime club to play seniors for Latrobe.

At 16 he was No. 2 Queensland juvenile 'keeper to Keith Rigby, who was already a first grader.

With Bardon Latrobe he went down to Second Division in 1969, but even from obscurity his form gained him his first State selection.

He played in Queensland's 4-3 and 2-3 results against South Australia in Brisbane and Adelaide, and then in the 5-2 win over Northern NSW.

The club bounced back from Second Division with 127 goals for and only 21 against, but English-born 'keeper David Neall came into the State side and Martin Coe was back to the substitutes' bench for 1970.

Again in 1971 he played second fiddle to another English goalie, Mark Walker, before regaining State selection against Dundee in mid-1972.

The Scots fielded their best side, crushing Queensland 9-0 at Perry Park, and Coe forfeited his position for the Queensland-Wolves game.

A bright spot appeared in the lowering clouds because a surprised Martin Coe received an offer from impressed Dundee manager Davie White asking him to trial with the club!

Next he was nominated by Queensland for national team consideration and played in Queensland's 0-0 draw with the Australian squad.

Then came the decision — his only chance to reach the heights lay in Sydney.

RICHES

Sydney is again rich in goalkeepers, Jimmy Fraser, Alan Maher, Ron Corry, Terry Eaton, Billy Rorke, Owen Nuttridge and the other Queenslander Ross Kelly.

With Hakoah's defence capable of nipping so many attacks in the bud, the club 'keeper sometimes is not loaded, but for this reason alone so much is usually expected of him.

Since his arrival in Sydney he's picked up many a wrinkle from Hakoah's former Scottish international, Frank Haffey.

Two years ago in Brisbane he pepped up the Bardon Latrobe forward line by scoring a goal a game for six matches.

So, for those strikers about to line up against him, spare a thought for the fact that he is well clued up in anticipating just where you may wish to sink your shot!

— KEITH GILMOUR

TEAM of the WEEK

EATON (Wests)

FEKETE (Hakoah) — WILSON (Safeway)

THOMPSON (Safeway)

RUDIC (Yugal-Prague) — RICHARDS (Marconi)

BINGHAM (Safeway) — VELKOVSKI (Yugal-Prague)

BLUES (APIA) — HARDING (Pan Hellenic) — VOJTEK (Croatia)

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	St. George	Marconi	APIA	Hakoah	Yugal	Auburn	Pan Hellenic	Safeway	Wests	Croatia	Sutherland	Granville
St. George	●	0-1	0-1	3-1	4-0	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-0		9-3
Marconi	0-5	●	1-1		0-0	2-2	5-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0
APIA	1-0	1-3	●	2-6	0-0	2-2	2-0	3-1	2-1	4-0	5-0	1-1
Hakoah	2-3	0-1	6-0	●	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	7-0
Yugal	1-1	3-0	2-0	0-2	●	1-0	2-0	1-1	2-1		0-0	5-1
Auburn	0-1	1-1	3-2	2-3	0-0	●	3-1		0-0	0-4	2-0	1-3
Pan Hellenic	1-7	1-2		0-0	0-2	2-4	●	4-0	0-2	2-2	2-0	1-0
Safeway	3-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	●	1-0	1-1	4-2	2-2
Wests	1-5	0-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	●	3-4	3-0	
Croatia	1-1	2-3	1-3	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-1	0-3	1-4	●	1-0	1-2
Sutherland	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	3-3	3-2	2-3	2-1	0-1	0-2	●	2-1
Granville	0-2	1-2	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-2	2-4	0-2	0-8	1-1	5-1	●

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

A goal from 16-year-old Peter Cook, his 18th for the season, gave rising Wenty Waratah victory over competition leader, Riverside Rapid, at Jones Park last Saturday.

The match, played before a good home crowd, was Wenty's sixth win on the trot.

Brian Gooch came on as replacement winger for the Waratahs.

His cross appeared to find Cook offside, but the ball was played off a defender and Cook cut between the fullbacks to slam the ball in for the goal of the game.

Wentworthville are outside final four contention, so their aim is to consolidate a strong side for 1974.

Coach Phil Witcombe is tickled pink with the way the team has improved especially as they are all local boys with the sole exception of support striker Leo Meire, a recruit from Switzerland.

The Rapids now have a difficult battle to cling to the lead, after having the Third Division well sewn up.

Stopper Walter Gassner is out for the season, and every top forward is missing due to injury.

KEY GAMES

Key games in coming weeks are:

● RIVERSIDE (28 pts.) v. Warringah, Uni. of NSW, Marrickville, Revesby, Arncliffe Scots (deferred game).

● KU-RING-GAI (24 pts.) v. Wenty, Campbelltown, Warringah, Arncliffe Scots.

● REVESBY (24 pts.) v. Arncliffe Scots, Belmore, West Sutherland, Riverside, Marrickville (deferred game).

● MARRICKVILLE (24 pts.) v. Belmore, West Sutherland, Riverside, Wenty, Revesby (deferred game).

Riverside still has a sound rearguard, but the big question revolves around whether four points will be a sufficient start for the run home.

Marrickville converted a penalty kick just before full-time to draw 3-3 with Arncliffe after George McCulloch and Isaac McGill had scored earlier on.

Archie Best — no relation to George and Clyde they say — had enough of his namesakes' pep to score two goals in Ku-ring-gai's 3-1 win over Concordia in the match at Mahony Oval.

Last week's results:

Wenty v. Riverside	1-0	1-1
Concordia v. Ku-ring-gai	1-3	0-8
Marrickville v. A'ffe S.	3-3	0-3
Belmore v. NSW Uni.	3-2	4-1
Warringah v. W. S'land	0-0	0-0
Revesby Wks. v. C'town	0-0	1-2

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Rapid v. Warringah — Mahony Oval, Arncliffe Scots v. Revesby Workers — Cahill Park.

Sunday: Ku-ring-gai v. Wenty — Acron Oval, Sutherland v. NSW Uni. — Seymour Shaw Park, Belmore v. Marrickville — Rudd Park, Campbelltown v. Concordia — Campbelltown Showground.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Pro. running

Soccer players are invited to take on PROFESSIONAL RUNNING during the summer months. The invitation comes from Billy Edwards, the former NSW rep. forward, no mean sprinter himself when he played for Yugal, Canterbury, South Coast and Granville. Edwards, whose leg is now in a cast because of a soccer injury earlier this season with Granville, is the treasurer of the NSW Athletic League, who will conduct 30 carnivals with total prize-money of $25,000 in summer. Registration fee for the season is $4.00. Players who want to give handicap running a try can ring Billy on 56-5568 for more details.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Title could be decided at Balgownie

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Promotion-seeking Rosebery improved their goal difference with a 5-0 pounding of Bankstown last weekend.

All three clubs seeking promotion won well but the field could well be narrowed after this weekend's matches.

At the other end of the table, Northern Districts are still isolated by a seven-point gap and only a miracle will save them from relegation.

Highlights of last week's matches were:

Corinthians v. Balgownie 0-4

A hat-trick by Dennis Paterson enabled Balgownie to retain the competition lead in a fast game at Parklea.

Balgownie led only 1-0 at halftime with a brilliant 35 metre goal by Paterson that hit the post on its way into the net.

But there was never any doubt who would get the points as the Magpies played with more cohesion and method against the defence-orientated Corinthians.

They were also much faster on the ball and their goals were all well taken.

Corinthians: Taylor, McCulloch, Draddy, Mack, Jagger, Griffiths, Hendry, Bloor (Giacometti), Stevenson, Harrison, Cambridge.

Melita Eagles v. Guildford 0-2

Guildford continued their "conquer-all" second round effort with another convincing win.

Despite injuries which brought in more young faces into the side, Guildford controlled a hard but entertaining game and always looked like getting both points.

Guildford went ahead halfway through the first half with a goal by Robinson and with ten minutes to go prolific goalscorer Eddie Williams notched his 19th goal of the season to make it 2-0.

Seventeen-year-old Gary Birchall, making his first appearance in first grade, had a steady game for the winners.

Guildford: Forrester, Parle, Schofield, Birchall, Brewin, Cornford (Powell), Lowe, Coleman (Lindsay), Robinson (1), McDougall, Williams (1).

Rosebery v. Bankstown 5-0

Eddie Howard and Arthur Thomas gave Rosebery a handy 2-0 lead at the interval and continued the romp with three other goals in the second half.

Bankstown, who normally play at their peak against the stronger teams, never looked like scoring a goal and their defence collapsed under pressure.

Rosebery: G. Tsingolis, Young, Turner, Mouhtaris, Kehagias, Blue (1), (Gregoras), Povey (Page 1), Thomas (1), N. Tsingolis (1), Hoard (1).

Canterbury v. Northern Districts 4-2

Canterbury were twice given a fright by relegation-bound Northern Districts.

North went ahead within three minutes following a defensive blunder by the Berries and they scored again minutes after the Berries had equalised.

It was an entertaining, even game in the first half which saw the Berries eventually lead 3-2 at the break.

But Canterbury's experience told after the interval when they really piled on the pressure to finish right on top.

Ray Pocock and Steve Keri both had good games though they could only notch one goal apiece this time.

Canterbury: Demopoulos, Whitehead, Hardy, Xipolitas, Henderson (Greg Brown). Welton (1), Keri (1), Pocock (1), Mullen, Thompson (1).

Northern Districts: Miller, Consentino, McDermott, Haggett, Smith, Burtenshaw, Green, Perry, Armytage (2), McKinnon, Belgre (Martin).

Polonia v. Enmore 2-4

Without the services of Kaz Kulak and Zigmund Janiak, Polonia had too many weaknesses and Enmore scored a comfortable win.

Enmore, playing the faster football, scored twice in the first half to go to a 3-0 lead soon after the break.

But Polonia hit back with a penalty from Tony Komoder and after Enmore scored their fourth goal, Komoder scored another goal from the penalty spot.

Two players — one from each team — were sent off two minutes from the end.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Kostek, Cicchini, Urbas, Dragan (Blaszczck), Zounis, Minol, Polewski (Robson), Komoder (2), Prokurat.

NS-Inter v. Manly 1-3

Manly never looked like losing a point in a fast and thrilling game.

Manly took the lead after four minutes header by Stephen Gosling and midway through the first half Bill Hutchinson headed home a corner to make it 2-0.

Moving the ball better, Manly went to 3-0 through Colin Waller soon after the interval.

But Inter came back with some clever football and only lack of punch in attack deprived from scoring.

However, with 10 minutes to go young fullback Oscar Ciappina scored a consolation goal.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Ciappina (1), Randy, Ledesma, Rafaneli, Foster, Spresian, Giacometti (Ribera), Walsh, Valdemar, Mulberry.

Manly: Woods, Warwick, Bloomfield, Allen, Hutchinson (1) (Trimblett), Stocks, Stonehouse, Gosling (1), Stedman (Bowley), Waller (1).

THIS WEEK

Second Division soccer comes to life this weekend with two most important matches on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, the confident Guildford will be hell-bent to beat Rosebery at Guildford Park. The way they are playing, they may well score an upset win.

On Sunday, the interest moves to Balgownie Oval where the Magpies meet the Berries in what should be a tremendous match of the round.

Balgownie is a hard team to beat down the coast, but the Berries are playing at the top of their form.

The match may be decided by the odd goal, with the locals starting favorites in my book.

In other games, Enmore, Melita, Manly, Bankstown and Polonia should all register wins.

II. DIV. SCORERS

E.	Williams (Guildford)	19
S.	Keri (Canterbury)	18
N.	McGuckin (Balgownie)	15
N.	Tsingolis (Rosebery)	11
R.	Pocock (Canterbury)	11
E.	Paterson (Bankstown)	8
M.	Bowley (Manly)	7
K.	Mallam (Manly)	7

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

North Bankstown won't give up without big fight

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Rising North Bankstown, in their bid to dodge the spectre of relegation, took a point from talented Chelsea at George Green Park last Saturday.

In a 1-1 draw North Bankstown drew first blood.

Within 20 minutes of the start Neil Harvey on the near post had headed a right wing corner from Doug Turnbull into the top corner of the goal.

Chelsea found the opening just before halftime when North's defence allowed a free-kick to drift over their heads, giving Chelsea room for a placement just inside the upright.

The game see-sawed from then on, and at times things turned out a bit heated.

Much of North's success was due to determined running up front from Neil Harvey, John Bowen and Gary Thomas.

The team was plagued with injuries early in the season, but things are going much better now.

Apart from experienced Doug Turnbull, who is a former Bankstown player and back into the thick of things at 24, the rest of the team are all youngsters in the 17 to 21 age range.

Bondi was just good enough to come home 1-0 against Lane Cove with an Ecky Gardiner goal.

After facing a difficult year Lane Cove leant on experience in an endeavour to end the season respectably.

Former Scottish international and ex-Hakoah star Jock Aird, now 46, turned out and showed that the skill is still there.

Second Division South Sydney's young side was too good for Dee Why, winning 4-1 at Booralee Park.

Jim Jevcik, Johnny Haynes, George Didic and Rossie Bennetts were Souths scorers, with young Warren Hood going well at centre-half and coach Alex Adams setting up the moves well.

As a result of the weekend's matches Toongabbie and Riverstone are 28 and 27 points respectively from equal games, and they meet at Girraween Park in a top of the table clash on Saturday.

Last week 24-year-old Mick Green, who had previously played for White Eagles, Wenty and Guildford, scored Riverstone's four goals in their 4-2 win over the strong Macquarie University team at Schofields.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

Bondi v. Lane Cove	1-0	5-0
N. Bankstown v. Chelsea	1-1	0-3
G'ville R. v. Nepean	2-3	3-1
A'cffe RSL v. Queens P.	1-1	1-3
Greenwich v. A'cffe RSL	3-0	3-2
Blacktown S. v. Yagoona	3-0	1-1
Queens P. v. W. Ryde	2-2	2-0

SECOND DIVISION

Artarmon v. Toongabbie	1-4	3-3
Maroubra v. Sydney Uni.	0-1	1-2
S. Sydney v. Dee Why	4-1	3-1
Riverstone v. Macq. U.	4-2	3-3
Eastwood v. W. St. Geo.	2-5	5-2
Toongabbie v. Sydney U.	3-2	2-2

THIRD DIVISION

Thornleigh v. Holroyd	3-4	1-4
Padstow P. v. Revesby R.	2-2	3-1
Kogarah v. Fairfield	0-1	—
Lethbridge v. Kogarah	8-3	3-0
N. Ryde v. Earlwood	3-0	1-3
Fairfield v. Baulk. H.	1-0	0-4
Canley Hts. v. B'town S.	0-0	1-0

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Arncliffe RSL v. North Bankstown — Mackey Park, Chelsea v. Gladesville Ravenss — Moore Park, West St. George v. South Sydney — Evatt Park, Sydney Uni. v. Auburn Juniors — Beaman Park, Baulkham Hills v. North Ryde — Ted Horwood Reserve, Earlwood v. Lethbridge — Hughes Park.

Sunday: Nepean v. Queens Park — Cook Park, West Ryde v. Blacktown Spartan — Waud Showground, Yagoona v. Bondi — O'Neill Park, Lane Cove v. Greenwich — Pottery Green, Dee Why v. Maroubra — Dee Why Oval, Toongabbie v. Riverstone — Girraween Park, Macquarie Uni. v. Eastwood — Macquarie Oval, Blacktown Spurs v. Thornleigh — Marayong Oval, Holroyd v. Fairfield-Kiev — West Guildford Showground, Kogarah v. Padstow Park — Evatt Park, Revesby Rovers v. Canley Heights — Amour Park.

SYDNEY AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results:

First Division: Concord v. Fairfield 1-3, 2-3; Glebe v. Joy 4-1, 4-0; Wests v. Uni. 1-5, 8-1; Georges Hall v. Broughton 1-1, 1-6. **Standings:** Glebe 24; Western Utd., Joy 19; Uni. 16; Concord, Broughton 13; Maccabi 12; Georges Hall 11, Fairfield 4.

Second Division: Haberfield v. Bank NSW 0-8; Lidcombe v. Apollo 2-1; Granville v. Bitola 4-4, 1-6; Ashcroft v. Arncliffe 2-2, 0-1; Wenty v. Olympic 3-4, 4-0. **Standings:** Moore Park Olympic 24; Arncliffe Mac., Ashcroft 22; Bank NSW 20; Lidcombe 14; Bitola 13; Apollo 11; Kewpies 6; Wenty 5; Haberfield 2.

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: KO Cup semi-finals.

Sunday: Premiership Round 15.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	9	5	2	23	7	23
George Cross	8	7	1	30	11	23
Hellas	9	3	4	30	20	21
Hakoah	7	5	4	26	20	19
Wilhelmina	7	4	5	27	12	18
Melbourne	7	4	5	24	19	18
Alexander	6	4	6	26	18	16
Polonia	6	4	6	14	16	16
Slavia	6	3	7	12	20	15
Juventus	4	4	8	19	24	12
Austria	2	5	9	12	32	9
Box Hill	—	2	14	11	54	2

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 17th round this weekend are as follows:

Saturday: JUST v. Box Hill, Hakoah v. Slavia, Polonia v. Melbourne.

Sunday: Austria v. SM-Hellas, Alexander v. Juventus, Wilhelmina v. George Cross.

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First Division fixtures for this Saturday are: Altona City v. Green Gully, Ringwood United v. Frankston City, Western Suburbs v. St. Albans, Springvale City v. Yallourn, Keilor City v. Mooroolbark, Essendon Lions v. Sunshine City.

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Lowly State League club Austria held the West German regional touring side Hertha 03, of Berlin, to a 2-2 draw. Only just over 200 people could make the midweek game which had a 3.30 p.m. kick-off as most soccer fans were still at work at that time and it proves the futility of presenting mid-week afternoon matches. It is understood that a number of German businessmen in Melbourne assisted Austria with the expense in arranging the game and meeting the commitment. Austria's draw with the visitors was noteworthy as they were without two of their top players — Jock Goodwin and Graham Bibby — both of whom were on the injured list.

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When Jock Goodwin suffered a head injury and had to retire in the recent game Austria v. Melbourne and go to hospital for treatment there was some boos from the crowd for David Fearn, the Melbourne defender. But great sportsman that he is, Goodwin completely exonerated Fearn and remarked that a player with his (Goodwin's) experience should never have tried to head a ball that was just a metre high.

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Steve Rujevic, the deep-lying JUST centre-forward who has proved the main "feed" for strikers Dan Zoraja and Branko Bulievic over the past three years, is coming along nicely after his recent hernia operation and hopes to reappear for the club before the end of the season.

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Joe Wilson, who had several years as a first team regular with Wolves as a defender and who has been player-coach to non-league club Woking City, will prove an acquisition to George Cross once he settles down and gets match-fit after the long trip out by ship with his family.

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Burglars have taken a liking to Branko Buljevic, the JUST and Australian international striker. Three times recently they have broken into his flat at Elwood and got away with a considerable amount of goods and personal effects. On the last occasion the thieves, as well as taking much valuable items as a TV set and cassette player, took a quantity of the player's personal items of clothing and footwear.

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Alexander, who have been rejuvenated this season with the addition of four Scottish junior imports, are hoping to have a 26-year-old Scottish striker arrive in time for their game against Juventus this weekend. As the player has not put pen to paper yet they won't divulge his name at this stage.

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Last weekend's State League results: SM-Hellas 2 (Armstrong, Marshall) d. JUST 1 (Lukic penalty), Hakoah 3 (Clarey, Saunders, Micevski) d. Box Hill 1 (Taylor), Polonia 3 (Humphrey, Nierobicz, Horfiniak) d. Juventus 1 (Di Marchi), Melbourne 2 (Szabo, Cummings) d. Wilhelmina 1 (Cole) 1 George Cross 1 (Cunningham) v. Austria 1 (Webb), Alexander 4 (Gillon, Gibson, Karaptsos, Stogiannou) d. Slavia 0.

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Provided that the position of JUST and George Cross on the league ladder doesn't undergo a radical change over the next five weeks, the clash between the pair at Footscray on Sunday, September 2, could turn out to be the decider for the title and attract a record crowd to Schintler Reserve.

— JIM COOK

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Only Rosebery can stop Berries from winning promotion race

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

After last weekend's near-washout, Canterbury strengthened their position with a convincing 6-2 win over Bankstown to race two points clear of Balgownie, who dropped a point to Polonia.

Brief reports of the only two games played:

Polonia v. Balgownie 1-1

In a thrilling game at the Soccer Centre, Polonia ended any chance Balgownie had to win promotion this season.

Balgownie had the lion's share of the ball and attacked for the bigger part of the game, but could not penetrate the solid Polonia defence, where goalkeeper Michael Mikolajczyk played a "blinder".

Midway through the first half Polonia took the lead with a tremendous first-time shot by Bill Zounis which rocketed into the net.

Balgownie equalised five minutes later with a goal by Nigel McGuckin, and from then on they swarmed all over Polonia, but great defence by Alan Wills and Manfred Urbas kept them at bay.

Towards the end Balgownie were denied a certain goal when a cannonball shot by Dennis Paterson was brilliantly saved by Mikolajczyk in one of the best saves of the match.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Wills, Blasczak, Urbas, Komoder (Dragan), Zounis (1), Minol, Polewski, Grzelak, Prokurat.

Canterbury v. Bankstown 6-2

Adapting themselves excellently to the wet conditions, Canterbury over-ran the injury-hit Bankstown to score one of their best victories of the season.

Steve Keri opened the score within six minutes and by the end of the first half which the Berries completely dominated, Canterbury had raced to an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

However, Bankstown capitalised on two back-passes by Mal Henderson and John Xipolitas to score their two goals, but still the Berries maintained control to score another two goals.

John Welton netted a hat-trick but the hero of the match was midfielder Peter Mullen who, despite the second half downpour, kept feeding his forwards with quick and accurate passes.

Canterbury: Demopoulos, Greg Brown, Hardy, Henderson (Harris), Xipolitas, Angelopoulos, Welton (3), Keri (1), Pocock (1), Mullen. Thompson (1).

Bankstown: Freeman Thompson, Sheldrick, Wilkinson, Penman, Watts, Reynolds, Beater (1), Burke (1), Moore, McMahon.

THIS WEEK

Promotion contenders Canterbury and Rosebery have hard matches on Sunday — Canterbury against Guildford Wanderers, who have been playing with plenty of determination in the second round of the competition, and Rosebery against Manly away at Inman Park.

Both will be favored to win narrowly. In other matches, Melita, Polonia, Balgownie and Enmore should come out on top.

RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION
(Three Grades)

C'bury v. Bankstown 6-2	—	—
Polonia v. Balgownie 1-1	0-3	4-1

LEADING SCORERS

S. KERI (Canterbury)	20
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford.	20
N. McGUCKIN (Balgownie)	16
R. POCOCK (Canterbury)	12
N. TSINGOLIS (Rosebery)	11
E. PATERSON (Bankstown)	8

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Greenwich concede three "own" goals in 5-5 draw

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Greenwich received a mammoth shock in their 5-5 draw at Gore Creek last Sunday as Yagoona struggled manfully to avoid relegation.

Leading 4-0 at halftime and 5-1 after 55 minutes, Greenwich conceded three own goals and ultimately were unlucky to hold on for a draw.

Greenwich 'keeper Phil Douglas twice slipped in deep mud at the wrong moment.

Fred Hanley (3) and Tony Foster (2) collected the Greenwich goals. Keith Brown and Roger Kwiez scored for Yagoona, and the three own goals came their way as well.

With Lane Cove already relegated, North Bankstown have a match in hand but are a point behind Yagoona in the struggle to avoid the drop also.

Gladesville piled on the second-half pressure to defeat Bondi Marine 2-1 and take a point lead in First Division. They also have a game in hand.

Mike Rolston headed in from a freekick taken by Frank Latham to put Bondi ahead, and then the Ravens tied the Marine's defence in knots to claim the match.

In Second Division at Eastwood Oval the home side showed up well against leader Toongabbie before a Bill Polkinghorn goal for Gabbie won them the game.

Mike Milanovic, Seb Grasso and Mick Green all netted for Riverstone, who led Macquarie University 3-0 into the second half.

Macquarie showed their mettle by pulling back to 3-2, although Riverstone missed a penalty in holding on for their win.

RESULTS

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

N. B'town v. Greenwich	deferred	
Gladesville v. Arncliffe	deferred	
Bondi v. West Ryde	deferred	
Gladesville v. Bondi	2-1	1-0
N. B'town v. Lane Cove	2-0	2-2
Greenwich v. Yagoona	5-5	2-1
Blacktown v. Queens Pk.	2-1	0-1
Chelsea v. Nepean	4-3	5-2

SECOND DIVISION

W. St. George v. Auburn	def.	2-1
S. Sydney v. Macquarie	deferred	
Artarmon v. Sydney Uni.	deferred	
Eastwood v. Toongabbie	0-1	2-3
Auburn v. Maroubra	1-6	1-2
W. St. Geo. v. Dee Why	deferred	
Macquarie v. Riverstone	2-3	1-3

THIRD DIVISION

Canley H. v. Kogarah	deferred	
Padstow Pk. v. Earlwood	deferred	
L'bridge v. Baulkham H.	0-1	1-1
North Ryde v. Holroyd	3-5	1-5
Fairfield v. Thornleigh	1-1	3-0
Revesby v. Blacktown	1-0	1-3
Padstow Pk. v. Lethbridge	deferred	

Cook's tour of Melbourne

Four rounds to go as State League soccer hits the 19th round this weekend with the following fixtures:

Saturday: Box Hill v. Slavia. Hakoah v. Melbourne, Polonia v. Austria.

Sunday: Wilhelmina v. SM-Hellas, JUST v. Juventus, Alexander v. George Cross.

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Last week's results: George Cross d. Polonia 1-0, Hakoah d. Juventus 4-1, Melbourne d. Alexander 2-1, SM-Hellas d. Box Hill 2-0, JUST v. Slavia 2-2, Wilhelmina v. Austria 1-1.

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First Division fixtures for round 20 this Saturday are: Essendon Lions v. St. Albans, Altona City v. Yallourn, Ringwood United v. Mooroolbark, Springvale City v. Sunshine City, Keilor City v. Western Suburbs.

JUST, trying to win the State League title for the fourth time, could be sadly depleted for their next two games against tough opposition in Juventus and Melbourne. 'Keeper Jimmy Milisavljevic and striker Branko Buljevic are on call with the national World Cup squad; Marty Zokovic, their overlapping defender who copped a three-week suspension after the Hellas match won't be eligible to play until next week and their top striker, Dan Zoraja, is going through a lean period in his bid to catch Joe Cunningham, of George Cross who is well out in front as the leading State League scorer.

— JIM COOK

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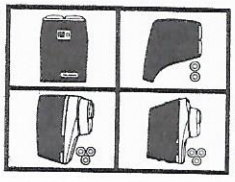

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TABLES

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	13	3	3	55	20	29
Balgownie	11	5	4	40	21	27
Rosebery	11	3	4	37	19	25
Manly	10	4	5	38	23	24
Guildford	10	2	7	38	34	22
Melita Eagles	9	3	7	24	19	21
Enmore	8	3	8	27	33	19
Bankstown	7	3	10	26	37	17
Polonia	6	4	9	29	39	16
Corinthians	4	5	10	17	39	13
NS-Inter	4	3	12	18	39	11
Nth. Districts	1	2	15	18	42	4

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	2	1	61	19	34
Canterbury	14	3	1	55	17	31
Bankstown	10	5	4	41	28	25
Balgownie	11	—	9	45	31	22
Nth. Districts	7	6	5	25	14	20
Guildford	7	5	7	33	26	19
NS-Inter	8	1	10	20	23	17
Rosebery	6	3	9	30	39	15
Polonia	5	5	9	23	40	15
Melita Eagles	5	4	10	31	33	14
Corinthians	4	2	13	24	44	10
Enmore	1	2	16	18	76	4

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	15	1	3	62	14	31
Bankstown	14	3	2	54	12	31
Polonia	15	1	3	53	13	31
Nth. Districts	13	2	3	42	19	28
Guildford	12	2	5	78	23	26
Corinthians	7	3	9	21	38	17
Canterbury	7	2	9	33	36	16
Balgownie	7	1	12	45	44	15
Melita Eagles	5	2	12	26	54	12
Rosebery	3	2	13	14	73	8
NS-Inter	2	3	14	21	61	7
Enmore	1	2	16	13	78	4

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rapid	14	—	4	39	18	28
Marrickville	12	4	3	51	32	28
Ku-ring-gai	12	2	6	55	25	26
Revesby	12	2	5	52	30	26
Arncliffe	10	2	7	33	27	24
W. Sutherland	10	2	8	33	27	22
Uni. of NSW	8	5	6	37	38	21
Wenty	8	1	11	40	50	17
Campbelltown	5	4	11	31	48	14
Belmore	5	3	12	31	51	13
Warringah	3	5	12	31	45	11
Concordia	1	4	15	19	61	6

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	13	—	6	57	37	26
West Ryde	10	5	4	56	35	25
Nepean	11	3	6	54	41	25
Bondi	10	4	5	39	21	24
Chelsea	8	8	4	51	42	24
Greenwich	9	5	5	62	39	23
Blacktown	8	5	7	39	34	21
Queens Park	8	4	7	46	41	20
Arncliffe RSL	6	6	7	44	43	18
Yagoona	3	6	11	23	55	12
N. Bankstown	2	7	10	22	44	11
Lane Cove	1	1	18	17	78	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	15	2	1	66	26	32
Riverstone	14	1	3	64	38	29
Sydney Uni.	10	3	4	41	26	23
W. St. George	10	—	6	52	35	20
Maroubra	8	4	6	52	38	20
Artarmon	8	1	8	35	38	17
Macquarie U.	7	2	7	39	34	16
Eastwood	5	3	11	34	51	13
South Sydney	5	3	10	34	52	13
Dee Why	2	2	13	24	56	6
Auburn	1	1	15	20	67	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	14	2	2	69	32	30
Fairfield-Kiev	11	3	6	38	33	25
Baulkham Hills	7	9	4	33	31	23
Revesby	9	4	7	51	39	22
Lethbridge	9	3	7	42	29	21
North Ryde	8	5	7	38	36	21
Holroyd	8	5	7	42	39	21
Canley Heights	6	5	8	31	40	17
Blacktown	6	3	11	33	44	15
Earlwood	5	4	10	29	33	14
Thornleigh	4	6	10	25	54	14
Kogarah	3	5	11	29	49	11

Sunday's Second Division

- Manly v. Rosebery — Inman Park.
- Melita Eagles v. Corinthians — Mona Park.
- Guildford v. Canterbury — Guildford Park.
- Bankstown v. Polonia — Soccer Centre.
- Balgownie v. NS-Inter — Balgownie Oval.
- Northern Districts v. Enmore — Englefield Stadium.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	10	7	1	34	13	27
JUST	10	6	2	28	9	26
Hellas	10	4	4	32	20	24
Hakoah	9	5	4	31	21	23
Melbourne	9	4	5	27	20	22
Wilhelmina	7	5	6	30	16	19
Alexander	7	4	7	28	20	18
Polonia	6	4	8	14	18	16
Slavia	6	4	8	14	23	16
Juventus	4	4	10	20	30	12
Austria	2	7	9	13	33	11
Box Hill	—	2	16	11	59	2

ST. GEORGE v. WESTS 1-0

LAST-MINUTE GOAL WINS TEDIOUS GAME

— By LOU GAUTIER and KEITH GILMOUR —

St. George-Budapest made hard work of beating Western Suburbs in last Sunday's "minor" semifinal at Sydney Sportsground.

Saints, however, fully deserved their win, which was only achieved with a Brendan Grosse goal in the last minute of the second period of extra-time.

For Grosse, an 84th minute substitute, it was the finest hour of a young career which looks promising.

Western Suburbs, who battled on gamely without ever sparkling, were lucky not to be two goals in arrears at the end of the regulation 90 minutes.

Jim Herron was pulled down in the "box" for all to see in the first half, but referee Tim Davies did not give the penalty.

And in the second half a glorious freekick by Attila Abonyi looked to have crossed the goal-line after bouncing off both the crossbar and an upright, but again the referee — and his linesman — turned a blind eye.

JADED

The match was of extremely poor standard throughout.

Far too many passes went astray and for long periods strictly nothing happened as play bogged down in the middle.

It was obvious that Saints' internationals were jaded after the trip to Iran and that the game in a deserted Sportsground was pretty anti-climatic after the excitement of a World Cup tie.

It was also apparent that the four-week lay-off played havoc with both teams' cohesion and concentration.

The strong westerly and hard surface of the pitch also contributed to the appalling standard.

Luckily for St. George they have a fortnight's rest before they play the loser of this weekend's semifinal between Hakoah and Marconi.

Their World Cup players will have time to settle back in and coach Mike Johnson will have an opportunity to get the team's usual style of play flowing again when the preliminary final comes around on Sunday week.

The return of John Warren would also be welcome as Saints were found wanting in the midfield last Sunday.

For Wests the local season is over. They need not feel despondent as Mike Laing achieved a fair measure of success in 1973 after last year's depressing failure.

All that's left for us now is to wish Wests good luck and successes galore on their Indonesian tour next month when they will be soccer ambassadors for Australia.

Highlights of Sunday's game were:

FIRST HALF

Manfred Schaefer won the toss and elected to run into the stiff north-wester.

1 min.: George Harris is the man given the role of holding Wests' long-distance sharp-shooter, Alan Ainslie.

6 min.: Vince Radcliffe scurries the ball wide to left-back Alex Gray, cutting out a St. George raid.

7 min.: Ken Lindsay using the ball along the carpet in an attempt to set up an attack for Wests.

8 min.: Abonyi's brilliance is in view as he cuts out two men on the right.

9 min.: The same player crosses along the ground, but Mike Denton is only able to cut the ball into Terry Eaton's arms.

12 min.: Jim Herron is ruled offside but within seconds Willie Hamilton strikes the ball for Denton to run on. Denton is trapped in the cover defence.

14 min.: An Ainslie corner for Wests is rendered harmless by a cool Fabian Juhasz.

16 min.: George Harris cuts the ball too high as he latches on to Attila Abonyi's well-directed pass. It sweeps away above goal.

18 min.: Manfred Schaefer shows his cartilage problem is over with a diving header to cut off a Wests pass 10 metres back into Saints' territory.

21 min.: Radcliffe brings Abonyi down just outside Wests' penalty area. The ball travels out for a corner.

22 min.: Abonyi's corner finds Dragan Utjesenovic on the far post, but he can't get organised to shoot.

24 min.: Terry Smith just fails to meet the ball 10 metres from Saints' goal with Schaefer trying to regain position. Wests' best chance to date goes a-begging.

26 min.: Wests' skipper Alex Gray sends Greg Byles clear but he skies his shot whilst under minor pressure from Schaefer.

28 min.: Ainslie's indirect freekick from 20 metres slightly to left of goal is switched on from Terry Smith to Ken Lindsay, who fails to get control on the bye-line.

30 min.: George Harris fouls Alan Ainslie five metres in St. George territory inside the circle. Referee Tim Davies wags a reproving finger.

32 min.: Gray brings down Saints' Jimmy Herron and a certain penalty is unheeded.

34 min.: Active Alan Ainslie and Greg Byles gallop away for a 1-2 without score. Next Terry Smith misses by a touch.

41 min.: Jim Herron blasts the ball into the sidenetting after Denton had set him up nicely for Saints.

44 min.: Ian Bacon, having swept the ball over his own net a minute before, has Jim Fraser worried as his left foot shot squares across Saints' goal.

SECOND HALF

1 min.: Terry Eaton finds the change of ends difficult. He drops the ball but manages to clamp down on it as Jim Herron charges in.

3 min.: A brilliant Wests move as Ken Lindsay breaks ahead and a final tremendous Turner shot is fisted over the bar by Jim Fraser.

7 min.: Saints' Harry Williams keeps slide tackling away, first dispossessing Col Curran and then Terry Smith.

10 min.: Harris — Abonyi — Schaefer — Hamilton as the ball is swept from right to left. Eaton goes almost to the side-line to kick clear.

11 min.: Brian Turner goes close for Wests.

14 min.: Wests are confident enough to stay with three in defence in spite of the wind, as Col Curran stays up to support the strike force.

16 min.: Col Curran tries a snap shot following a corner after Willie Hamilton fluffed to give away a corner.

18 min.: In full flight Attie Abonyi tries to lob the ball over Eaton — a close call.

20 min.: Willie Hamilton is hauled across for the purpose of a warning and name taking.

Doug Utjesenovic makes sure that Greg Byles won't get away in this man-to-man action shot from the "minor" semifinal at the Sportsground last Sunday.

29 min.: Abonyi's freekick from Byle's foul on Hamilton exploits the wind perfectly. Somehow it hit the bar and upright to float free.

34 min.: Herron goes to the ground but he fails to pre-empt a freekick to Wests.

35 min.: Morgan, after 15 minutes' warm-up, finally comes on — for Hamilton, just after Eaton had dived to clear.

41 min.: Brendan Grosse, on for George Harris, Gordon Ferguson twice cleans up for the Magpies.

42 min.: Denton almost sidles through, only to collide with Eaton.

44 min.: Utjesenovic clears from the line after Curran sets up Ainslie.

EXTRA-TIME

4 min.: Denton flicks the ball to Brendan Grosse, who skies his 15-metre shot.

7 min.: Denton misses a glorious opportunity to open the score when he heads Abonyi's perfect centre over the bar.

8 min.: A magnificent save by Eaton off Neville Morgan's piledriver.

12 min.: Wests threaten from a breakaway as the ball is passed to Terry Smith, who finds Curran inside the St. George "box", but Schaefer clears in the nick of time.

16 min.: Almost an "own" goal when the ball rockets off Radcliffe's boot into corner.

17 min.: Ainslie 30-metre "speculator" is not all that wide of the mark.

20 min.: Lindsay catches Saints' defence napping, but his scorcher is over the bar.

21 min.: Denton muffs another great chance by hurriedly volleying Utjesenovic's neat freekick wide of the groping Eaton.

29 min.: After Eaton fails to cleanly fist away Abonyi's corner-kick, Brendan Grosse is on the spot to slide the loose ball into Wests' net for the winning goal.

PLAYERS

Not too many players stood out in either team.

For St. George Attila Abonyi was easily the best and it was poetic justic that the winning goal should come from his well-taken corner-kick.

Goalie Jim Fraser did well the little he had to, and it was great to see Manfred Schaefer stand up to 120 gruelling minutes in his competitive comeback match.

Coach Mike Johnson was wise to bring on Neville Morgan and Brendan Grosse as everything started to happen and Saints got on top when both came in late in the match.

Terry Eaton was safe between the sticks for Wests despite "losing" the ball in the last-minute incident from which the goal was scored.

I also liked the hard-working Vince Radcliffe and the dynamic Col Curran, one player who did not seem to have any after-affects from Australia's match in Tehran.

Details:

St. George: Fraser 4, G. Harris 3 (Grosse 84 min.), Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 3, Williams 3, Juhasz 3, Herron 3, Abonyi 4, Stoddart 3, Hamilton 2 (N. Morgan 80 min.), Denton 2.

Wests: Eaton 4, Curran 4, Gray 3, Ferguson 3, Radcliffe 4, Lindsay 3, Bacon 3, T. Smith 2, Turner 3, Ainslie 3, Byles 2.

Scorer: B. Grosse 119 min.

Referee: T. Davies.

Crowd: 3,305.

READERS' LETTERS

DON'T REDUCE COMPETITION

A recent suggestion from a high source, namely that First Division clubs be cut from 12 to 10, fills me with wonder.

Can it be true that we are again going to put the sport on mainly in the city in this, the most widespread metropolis imaginable?

Having had success with outer suburban clubs Marconi - Fairfield and Sutherland, must we cut the competition?

If the Federation limits the clubs then big potential centres such as Blacktown, Manly - Warringah and Bankstown or any other wishing to break into the big-time can forget it.

Sure, our competition is not the world's best, but it is practical, and it beats anything else in Australasia.

The Rugby League people planned to bring in Manly, Cronulla and Penrith, and look at the pay-off.

Our promotion and relegation highlights the competitive element, but this gain is offset by the lack of permanence.

A relegation struggle brings a lot of press space, but you can rest assured that the attendances will only be not much better than if there was no relegation struggle.

In recent seasons the only club facing relegation who has drawn well is Sutherland, and with a big soccer district and interest their crowds have been normal for their potential and station in the competition.

Two clubs would field 120 players in a season.

If they get the boot that is just 120 ambitious players who will not be given the real chance to advance.

EDGAR WILSON,
Allambie Heights

EATON FAN

Your fine paper last week tells us "not to be surprised if Hakoah's MARTIN COE will be added to the national squad as third goalkeeper."

It must be hoped that Terry Eaton will be Rasic's second choice.

Behind Wests life is not as comfortable and secure as behind Hakoah and St. George!

ERIC METH,
Darlinghurst

NOT WISE

Having made a sound decision to revert to semi-finals after the disaster of the 1972 Interstate Championship, I think the Federation would be unwise to experiment with a 10-team competition.

Also I consider any cut-back in migrant players in the clubs would have to be staggered.

We know the code needs more local talent, and that it is there to build if the right coaches are on the job.

Some coaches are able to build players, and others cannot, and it is up to the clubs to recognise the difference.

All the same, if you cut off the chance to obtain experienced players from promoted clubs such as Canterbury, how can they survive?

Granville has gone back and they have more resources than Canterbury can now command.

The biggest fault is to import players on their reputations.

P. PORTER,
Homebush West.

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT?

It appeared to me, that the defensive plan adopted by Australia in Tehran was a gross mistake even though it took us further on to our goal, namely "Munich".

We should have pressed for an early goal, which would have given us a tremendous start.

It is obvious the Aussie team is not a world beater, for in Iran it lacked creativity and inspiration, which nearly proved our undoing had Iran scored another goal.

Somebody commented that Max Tolson "settled" the team when he came on the field.

In my opinion it was Jim Rooney who did just that, by wresting the initiative from the Iranians.

It is also my opinion that Tolson is only a dangerous bustler with no capabilities.

If he is included, when we reach the final 16 he could create an international incident.

Good luck Australia!

OSCAR CASSANO,
Daw Park (SA).

BOO-BOOS

Of all the boo-boos the Soccer Federation was capable of producing on that great Saturday against Iran, one of your readers decided to write to you about the arrangements with national anthems to abuse the Federation.

How wrong one can be!

There were thousands of $3.00 seats sold without seats, there was a huge pause between the preliminary match and the main one, there were girls forming the guard of honor freezing for one hour until someone at the crucial moment decided they were standing on the wrong place — they were by-passed by players and officials alike — there were thousands of empty seats on the members grandstand.

In other words, a mess...

But with the anthems, to my amazement, the Federation willingly or by coincidence for once did something right!

First they played the national anthem of the referee — Swiss.

It so happens that the tune of the Swiss anthem is identical to that of "God Save the Queen".

The second anthem was for the guests — Iranian — and the third one was for the hosts — Australian.

For them — not recognising the "God Save the Queen" — they played the tune not yet chosen — None!

Strictly in keeping with accepted international etiquette.

I. COOK,
Wentworthville

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SUNDAY'S "MAJOR" SEMIFINAL

HAKOAH CAN CONFIRM LAST MONTH'S VICTORY

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Five weeks ago Hakoah and Marconi were engaged in mortal combat at Bossley Park with the premiership the prize at the end of the gruelling, tense, action-packed 90 minutes.

It is now history how a rejuvenated Hakoah, the underdogs in the match, outplayed Marconi, who only needed a draw to win their first title, to the tune of 2-0, to take out their fourth premiership in six years.

Sunday's "major semi-final" at the Sportsground will be less crucial as the loser still has another bite at the cherry, so to speak, but prestige demands it from both clubs that they should win.

The preparations of both teams are bound to have been adversely affected by Australia's World Cup matches against Iran.

Hakoah have had to do without Baartz, Watkiss and Mackay in their practice matches.

Marconi have been harder hit still.

They trained not only without key players Tolson, Richards and Campbell, but without the man who brought them where they are today, Rale Rasic.

Marconi's mediocre start to the championship — in similar circumstances because the Australian boss was unable to coach the side for several weeks prior to the kick-offs — is perhaps a bad omen for Marconi's chances this weekend.

It would be foolish to expect Marconi to carry on where they left off a month ago, just as it would be optimistic perhaps for the Hakoah fans to hope to see their team play as brilliantly as in the premiership-clincher on August 5.

Both teams will probably have to feel their way on Sunday and play it by ear.

This should make for an even more exciting, open game, with the result just about impossible to predict because of the lack of pre-match form by which to judge.

There is too much talent in both teams not to provide the spectators with a top-class match.

I hope it's not too much to expect that the crowd is at least as large as the 9,000-plus attendance — the season's biggest — that watched the teams fight out the premiership five weeks ago.

Surely, a clash between Sydney's top two clubs of 1973 can attract a five-figure crowd to the city's best football venue?

Hakoah, vintage 1973, is coach David Maclaren's "baby", no one else's.

He chose the players, made the purchases and formulated the system of play and tactics he thought were right for his outfit.

ERNIE CAMPBELL

Despite severe criticism all through the season from some sections of the club, he had the last laugh and has the Ampol Cup and premiership to show for his first full season with the club.

Hakoah, on paper, have better players all round than Marconi, who have done extremely well to play such a leading role in Sydney soccer for the past two seasons with the players at Rasic's call.

In Ray Richards, Stuart Robertson, Alfredo Moschen, Ernie Campbell, Max Tolson and Raul Carrizo, Marconi have players of a similar calibre to Hakoah's, but the rest of their side, who are willing and workmanlike enough, aren't quite in the same class yet.

While Hakoah have no weakness in any department, there are several in Marconi, which have been well masked throughout the season thanks to Rasic's clever "disguise".

On Sunday, as was the case for most of the season, Marconi must look to their key players for a good result.

Unless their star performers click, the team only has faint prospects of winning through to the grand final without playing in the preliminary final.

Marconi will be sincerely hoping that Ray Richards can shake his World Cup "blues" and return to his usual dynamic form.

ALLAN MARNOCH

A repeat of last month's insipid Tehran display could have disastrous results for Marconi, who rely so heavily on their midfield star.

Hakoah, for their part, will be hoping for an improved display by Jim Mackay, who also had a poor World Cup tie.

Mackay, however, hit top form in the league match against Marconi last month, and if he recaptures that form Hakoah may again have a match-winning grip on the midfield.

Hakoah, with clever winger Watson and the mobile Fletcher seem to have the more dangerous strikers.

Max Tolson is almost a one-man band up front for the Fairfield side; his workload has been enormous this season.

The duel between Tolson and his Australian team-mate John Watkiss, one of the highlights of the August 5 thriller, will again eventuate this weekend, with burly Allan Marnoch thrown in for good measure to keep the Marconi Number 9 in check.

LIKELY TEAMS
HAKOAH v. MARCONI

M. COE	1	B. MURRAY
K. FEKETE	2	S. ROBERTSON
J. DAVEY	3	A. MOSCHEN
J. WATKISS	4	M. WRIGHT
A. MARNOCH	5	M. MIHAJLEVIC
J. MACKAY	6	R. RICHARDS
T. MORROW	7	Z. BRAJKOVIC
R. BAARTZ	8	E. CAMPBELL
J. FLETCHER	9	M. TOLSON
L. DE MELO	10	R. CARRIZO
J. WATSON	11	A. GRIFFITHS

Referee: P. RAMPLEY
Linesmen: A. McKenzie, G. Naprta

JIM DAVEY

SYDNEY AMATEUR LEAGUE

Results of the only games played last weekend: Glebe v. Broughton 1-5 1-0, Uni. v. Georges Hall 2-0 2-2, Bitola v. Arncliffe 1-3 5-0.

On Saturday, the Amateur Cup and Referees' Trophy finals will be played at the TBA ground. Matches are Bank NSW v. Glebe and Broughton v. Glebe. Sunday's only match is at Hanley Park between Georges Hall and Joy.

MINOR GRADE SEMIFINALS

Last week's results in the minor grade semifinals:

● Third Grade: Sutherland 2 (R. Perry, R. De Witt) d. St. George 1 (M. Jankovics).

● Second Grade: Hakoah 4 (N. Porter 2, A. Faglioni, J. MacNamee) d. Croatia 2 (S. Crawford 2).

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LICENSED CLUB SOON FOR PROMOTED BERRIES?

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Canterbury-Marrickville, back in First Division in 1974 after a two-year absence, is very hopeful of receiving the backing of a licensed socal club.

An application to the Licensing Court is scheduled to be heard within six weeks for large premises in Addison Road, Marrickville, which have been in operation for some time as a supporters club with billiard tables, pinball machines and other facilities.

However, only coffee and soft drinks are being served to the large band of supporters that attend regularly.

The building, which is ideally situated in the heart of the Canterbury district, is a badly needed amenity not only for the Canterbury supporters who are predominantly Greek, but also for the people of the area.

In anticipation of gaining a licence, the building is in the process of being renovated with new bars and other services already installed.

EASY PROMOTION

After two years in Second Division Canterbury chalked up one of the easiest championship victories for some years and, of course, promotion to First Division in 1974.

They finished with 35 points, six ahead of their nearest rivals, Balgownie.

The Berries were helped down to the lower division in 1971 following a controversial four-point deduction by the NSW Federation after an incident in the game against Hakoah at Arlington Oval — the first match of the season.

This year they bounced back into the top company with practically the same team that was relegated in 1971 and this thought is probably first and foremost in the club's planning for the future.

There is little doubt that the side was the best performed in the division this season and promotion contenders that missed out will not begrudge the Berries their success.

Canterbury almost made it first up last season, but were nudged out by Granville, whom they will replace in the elite next year.

DRYBURGH'S CONTRIBUTION

And the man with a big contribution who made this success possible for the Berries' return was none other than long-standing clubman and coach Ron Dryburgh.

Ron, a Scotsman, took over an unsettled team in the middle of the competition, following the resignation of former Western Australian coach Doug Stewart, and restored much-needed confidence in a rather shaky set-up at that stage.

Changing horses in midstream is hardly ideal for a team seeking promotion, but in this case it worked wonders both on and off the field.

Dryburgh, a familiar figure in the Canterbury camp for the last eight years, transformed a hard task into a very simple one as he already had the confidence of the players, some of whom he guided through the junior ranks.

He has proved the point that coaching requires more than the know-how of kicking a ball, but the man must also have an intimate knowledge of the local scene.

However, the main reason of the club's quick return to the limelight was due to the fact that it resisted all temptations of transfer fee offers and was able to retain the services of all the players worth keeping.

For instance, both Steve Keri, who incidentally finished the division's top goalscorer this season, and Ray Pocock, who won that title last year, were sought by First Division clubs.

These offers, coupled with other minor misunderstandings with players during the past two seasons, created some rather difficult problems at times, but these were quickly eliminated by coach and committee and harmony prevailed.

POLISHED PERFORMANCES

In their 22 encounters this season, the Berries gave some polished performances and they held an advantage in their cohesive and individual skills over their opponents.

By Second Division standards, Canterbury had a well balanced side, backed by good reserves who substituted adequately when injuries hit the team.

In attack, Steve Keri and Ray Pocock were invaluable, the former scoring four hattricks in his 22-goal tally.

Pocock scored 15 goals, but this should not reflect on his ability to score goals as without any doubt he was the most heavily marked man in Second Division.

Wingers John Welton, Ross Brown and Terry Thompson gave good support in their limited first team appearances.

The greatest inspiration, however, came from the midfield and the defence where stalwarts like Joe Whitehead, Harris, Bob Hardy, John Xipolitas and Angelo Demopoulos had a tremendous season, while relative newcomers to the Berries, Peter Mullen and Billy Angelopoulos together with the up and coming Greg Brown, gained valuable experience for the years to come.

And talking about the future, the Berries will need to strengthen their side to tackle their commitments successfully in the 1974 season.

Determination and enthusiasm go a long way towards winning matches when one possesses the strength, but seldom succeeds when the opposition is much superior.

This is well realised within the club.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
SECOND SEMIFINALS

Marconi v. APIA (3rd grade) — Sportsground, 11.45 a.m.
Wests v. APIA (2nd grade) — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.
Hakoah v. Marconi (1st grade) — Sportsground, 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
PRELIMINARY FINALS

Sutherland v. loser Marconi v. APIA (3rd grade) — Sportsground, 11.45 a.m.
Hakoah v. loser Wests v. APIA (2nd grade) — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.
St. George v. loser Hakoah v. Marconi (1st grade) — Sportsground, 3 p.m.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 22nd and final State League round this weekend are as follows:

- **Saturday: Alexander v. Polonia, George Cross v. Box Hill, Melbourne v. Slavia.**
- **Sunday: Wilhelmina v. Hakoah, Austria v. JUST, Juventus v. SM-Hellas.**

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Last week's results: Juventus 3 (Di Marchi, C. Lucchesi, J. Lucchesi) d. Slavia 0, George Cross 2 (Cunningham 2) d. JUST 1 (Buljevic), Melbourne 3 (Bentley, McCarthy, Polinkas) d. Box Hill 0, Wilhelmina 1 (Steele) v. Alexander 1 (Kamboropoulos), Hakoah v. Austria 0-0, SM-Hellas 4 (Armstrong 2, Little, Bourne) d. Polonia 0.

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A delegation of officials from the Victorian Soccer Federation, consisting of chairman Mike Weinstein, T. Marmaras, A. Kovac and the secretary, G. Wallace, were received by the Premier of Victoria, The Hon. R. I. Hamer, at Treasury Place recently. A submission was handed to the Premier for the introduction of soccer pools in Victoria. The Premier was most sympathetic to the submission made by the delegation and stated that the appropriate officials were analysing the possibility of the introduction of soccer pools in the State of Victoria.

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Frank McColgan, the former Slavia, St. George-Budapest, and Melbourne player, has missed the last games for Keilor-Austria as he was forced to return to Scotland in a hurry after getting word that his mother was seriously ill. Frank is expected back soon, however, and may yet line-up for Austria in their Dockerty Cup semifinal tie.

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Melbourne can lay strong claims to having both the luckiest and the unluckiest players of the season. In the lucky category comes long-serving defender and Victorian representative many times over, Alistair Scott, who was ordered off twice within a month and survived the Tribunal both times without missing a game. The unlucky performer for Melbourne was 21-year-old striker David Prentice (ex-St. Mirren) who had been in Australia only a few days and played just slightly more than half a game before suffering a broken leg in the match against Wilhelmina.

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Box Hill have in recent years taken over the mantle as the "Yo-Yo" side of the State League. Originally in the State League in its earliest days, they were relegated at the end of 1961 and it was not until 1969 that they managed to get back in top company. They only lasted the one season, but came back again after another two years and in 1971 they had no great worries by finishing third from the bottom when Lions went down with the mini-points total of five for the season. Last year (1972) only the expulsion of Croatia saved the Hillmen from dropping out again and all during this season their relegation, now confirmed, has been a stark reality.

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Little has been heard of John Kovacec, a defender who arrived earlier this season for JUST and who was reported to have been on the books of OFK Belgrade. Kovacec, apparently, has not got the class or experience needed to make the first team and has been languishing in the reserves.

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Two players with over 20 years' State League experience between them have still proved their worth with Second Division side Ferntree Gully this season. They are Alan Stenhouse, a great servant for a decade for Hakoah, and Alan Villers, who gave a similar period of service to Hakoah and Wilhelmina.

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Triestina, who were in the State League in both 1964 and 1965, and not long after took a quick-fire dive right down to the Fourth Division have won promotion back to the Third Division. Their guiding mentor since the club was formed, president Bruno Tessari, a former Moreland 'keeper is once again sporting a smile.

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With the State League flag this season goes $1,000 to the winner, $500 to the runners-up, $250 to the team in third position and fourth on the ladder will collect $150 — all through the sponsorship of Canberra TV, who are also making an award of $100 to the top State League scorer.

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Don't be surprised if Nick Van Egmond, the Wilhelmina 'keeper who went into dispute with the club at the start of the year and compelled them to bring the veteran Tom Carmichael out of retirement to take his place, makes a come-back next season. I gathered this may happen after a chat with John Van Hoboken recently, who also mentioned the great service and displays this year by Tommy Carmichael, who originally was a forward. Van Egmond was in the top bracket as a goalie and had represented Victoria before his long and enforced rest on the sidelines.

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Alex Crombie, the talented midfielder who cost Box Hill their biggest-ever transfer fee at the start of this season when they bought him from Juventus will, I'm sure, not relish the fact that his club will be playing Metropolitan soccer next year. The talented Crombie, still in his early twenties, and a product of Edinburgh and District junior football, has several admirers in the State League and it would not surprise if a move is made to keep him in top company.

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Provisional League leaders, Frankston Pines, are seeking promotion to the Metropolitan League. Even if they win the Provisional League there is no guarantee they will be promoted to a higher competition. Yet Frankston are not worried. They believe they have so much going for them promotion will be only a matter of time. They head the ladder, have a senior and reserve team, and seven junior teams. They also boast $30,000 clubrooms which they built themselves, and three ovals.

— JIM COOK

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Gladesville Ravens, West Ryde have vital matches coming up

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Gladesville Ravens and West Ryde Rovers, neighbors and rivals, face three important Inter-Suburban clashes in coming days.

The teams meet in the First Division final, and as the result of having tied on points at the head of the premiership, they have home and away play-offs to contest on goal aggregate for the right to go up to Federation Third Division in 1974.

West Ryde won both premiership clashes this year, but it is certain that the Ravens will be giving nothing away in the final and play-offs.

At the Athletic Field last Sunday Ken MacFarlane caught the Bondi 'keeper out of position for a first-half goal.

Bondi equalised with a long range shot that bounced over the Gladesville goalie, and the remaining goals came in extra-time.

A corner by Gladesville's Neil Vale was headed down for Greg Keating to volley a goal.

In the last period the Ravens set out to keep the ball upfield and away from danger, but they did better than that.

Replacement half-back Kerry Thompson lofted a winner high into Bondi's net for a 3-1 victory.

One point of great satisfaction for Gladesville was the fact that nine of their eleven players were local products, including such tried performers as Steve Wood and Ken Butt.

At Seymour Shaw Park West Ryde scored the winner through Bobby Conroy to eliminate Chelsea 3-2, with Phil Wilcox and Dave Wakeling netting earlier.

SECOND DIVISION

Toongabbie and Riverstone are the finalists as expected, although Sydney University took Riverstone so close that Riverstone's winning goal came in injury time.

Billy Cole headed it in from a corner in the closing seconds, and there was only time for the ball to be spotted up before the referee signalled the end of play, and a 3-2 win for Riverstone.

Sydney University scored first with the wind, with Billy Cole equalising midway in the first half.

Varsity were ahead a second time, and Riverstone's big moment seemed to have gone when Mike Milanovic failed with a penalty kick.

The lost opportunity had the opposite effect, and the same player ran on to a ball along the left wing, cut into the edge of the box to fire in a great scoring drive.

At Garside Park West St. George had a great first half, and as halftime leader at 1-0 an upset was on the cards.

Billy Reilly put Toongabbie on the road back with a crashing shot from fully 25 metres out.

Billy Polkinghorn and John Keddie completed the job as Toongabbie's midfield took over control and pushed the ball through for the strikers.

Although they are without Leo Vanderburgh, Riverstone will be out after a win over arch rivals Toongabbie this week.

In successive years Riverstone won five Nepean district premierships, followed by two wins in Sydney Amateurs and one in Inter-Suburban Third Division.

Their reserves are aiming for a double for the club after defeating Sydney University 4-2.

Leading 4-0, Riverstone reserve grade wilted to 4-2, but their win reversed a 3-1 loss two weeks previously.

Tom Williams (2 penalties), Sam Salemi and Dominic Ilaqua were Riverstone's scorers. Sydney University finished strongly, but started by giving their opponents too big a handicap.

THIRD DIVISION

Lethbridge Rangers and North Ryde are the surprise finalists after wins over Padstow Park and Revesby Rovers respectively.

At Seymour Shaw Park a first half goal with the wind spelt the difference between Lethbridge and Padstow, the premiers.

The ball moved up the left wing for Lethbridge and Tommy Byrne beat a defender well, centring for Stewart Ogers to first-time the ball home.

Padstow threw everything at their opponents in the second half, and the game developed into a battle royal between Padstow's forwards and the Lethbridge defence.

Lethbridge goalie Tony Spiteri brought off three wonder saves to keep his net intact.

The experienced Lethbridge player-coach Jim Strachan was the man of the day in the back four as they successfully fought to stay on top.

The young North Ryde side came home strongly for a 5-1 win over a Revesby Rovers side that never gave up.

Centre-forward Billy Campbell went to hospital after suffering a dislocated shoulder.

Norm Russell went off with cartilage trouble half way into the second half, and goalkeeper Phillip Ward left a little early suffering from a twisted knee in a goalmouth scramble.

For all that and a Glen Walker goal that had the halftime count even at 1-1, North's scorers ran riot in the second half.

Ian Jackson, Bob McKenzie (2) and Neville Newman picked up the goals.

Last week's results:

First Division

First Grade
Gladesville v. Bondi 3-1
West Ryde v. Chelsea 3-2

Second grade
Gladesville v. Chelsea 1-0
Arncliffe v. Queens Pk. 5-4

Second Grade

First grade
T'gabbie v. W St. Geo. 3-1
Riverstone v. Syd. Uni. 3-2

Second grade
Artarmon v. T'gabbie 3-0
Riverstone v. Syd. Uni. 4-2

Third Division

First grade
Lethbridge v. Padstow 1-0
N. Ryde v. Revesby 5-1

Second grade
Padstow v. Baulk. Hills 3-2
Earlwood v. Holroyd 3-2

QLD'S SQUAD

Queensland, who play the ACT in Canberra on Saturday, October 27, have chosen the following squad to train in preparation for the game:

Osvaldo Borzi, Peter Nielsen, Alan Marley, Colin Knott (all of Brisbane City); Gary Wilkins, Mark Walker, Phil Sunderland, Ben Docherty, Jim McCabe, Charlie Dench (all of Lions); Alex Anderson (Grange Thistle), Barry Payne (Coalstars), Ian Steele (North Brisbane), Ian Fagan (St. George-Souths) and Steve Dolan (Merton Easts).

Manager of the squad is Mike Penklis.

The Queensland team will stay in Canberra overnight after the game and next day — Sunday, October 28 — they will fly to Sydney to see the Australia v. South Korea World Cup clash.

— JIM COOK

VICTORIAN TABLE

George Cross	11	7	3	37	19	29
Hellas	12	5	4	46	27	29
JUST**	10	6	3	29	11	26
Melbourne*	11	4	5	32	21	26
Hakoah	10	6	5	35	23	26
Wilhelmina	8	7	6	41	24	23
Alexander	9	5	7	32	22	23
Polonia	7	4	10	15	25	18
Juventus*	6	4	10	26	31	16
Slavia*	6	4	10	14	29	16
Austria	2	8	11	13	35	12
Box Hill	—	2	18	12	65	2

** Two games in hand.
* Game in hand.

Marrickville v. Ku-ring-gai is this weekend's final

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Marrickville netted three minutes before fulltime for a 1-0 Third Division semifinal win over Revesby Workers last Sunday.

In an exciting encounter Marrickville were good enough to go on to a final, which will be against Ku-ring-gai, 1-0 winners against Riverside Rapid.

It was the second week running that Marrickville had made their mark with a late goal against Revesby.

Steve Ramsay, a second half replacement, headed in the goal from a cross by Dudley Gould on the left.

The prospect of a loss sparked up the Workers and they bombarded Marrickville 'keeper Nick Horiatopolous, who managed to shove the ball everywhere but into his own net.

With the blustery wind behind them, Marrickville had 75% of the first half play, and in one close attempt young winger Gordon Macklin placed his header well, only to see it rebound from the bar.

Revesby came back, and attacks up either flank had Marrickville in deep trouble.

Held scoreless at halftime, the Marrickville players wore long faces as they contemplated the possible outcome of playing into the wind.

They should have had little to worry about, because the way it turned out they maintained their domination.

Greg Gill, the Workers' skipper, played his heart out in an attempt to get his side fully firing.

They responded as best they could, but the side was missing Bram Jerrison up front.

The ebullient Jerrison has been out of the line-up due to ankle injury, so there it was, a 1-0 win for Marrickville.

Rapid beaten

Out at Inman Park Ku-ring-gai survived the rough and dusty conditions to defeat the premier, Riverside Rapid.

It was Ku-ring-gai's second win over the Rapids this year, and the goal resulted from one of many goalmouth melees.

This time the ball came out some 16 metres, and Jimmy Morgan rammed it back into the net.

Last week's results:

First grade: Ku-ring-gai v. Riverside 1-0, Marrickville v. Revesby 1-0.

Second grade: Arncliffe v. Ku-ring-gai 2-0, Warringah v. W. Sutherland 2-1.

— KEITH GILMOUR

WESTS SPONSOR TOUR

Western Suburbs, although eliminated from the semifinals, have their Indonesian tour to follow.

Club directors have made another forward move as well, even though the fruits will not come for a little while yet.

The club has determined to sponsor a tour by the England schoolboys side, a move that has already received the support of the NSW Federation.

Wests official Jack Churchill has been empowered to take the matter up with the English authorities whilst in London in December.

Churchill, personally committed to press for the England visit for some years past, is certain to leave no stone unturned to bring the tour about.

He envisages two matches in Sydney, one in Newcastle and one in Wollongong.

He is to seek a further game in a country centre to be chosen, and in this case the idea is for the local team to be reinforced so that NSW country as a whole can see in which direction soccer is heading to set up the highest class of play.

The NSW Combined High Schools Soccer organisation is certain to back the move to the hilt, as it will give them the very opportunity they have been seeking.

This is the best chance ever to bring plans to fruition, and the aim is to have the matches played next August, which should suit the school arrangements in England.

To date the English Schoolboy FA secretary has adopted a "wait and see" attitude.

— K.G.

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An Australian tragedy: Socceroo John Watkiss is helpea off the field by reserve goalkeeper Owen Nuttridge and team-manager David Marnoch after only 18 minutes of the Hakoah v. Marconi "major" semifinal last Sunday after damaging ligaments in his right knee.

Official Sydney Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
PRELIMINARY FINALS

Sutherland v. APIA (3rd grade) — Sportsground 11.45 a.m.
Hakoah v. Wests/APIA (2nd grade) — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.
St. George v. Marconi (1st grade) — Sportsground 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
GRAND FINALS

Marconi v. Winner Sutherland v. APIA (3rd grade)
Wests, APIA and Hakoah in contention for (2nd grade) the two final berths
Hakoah v. Winner Marconi v. St. George (1st grade)
— all matches at Sydney Sportsground —

HAKOAH v. MARCONI 3-0

DESPITE THE GOALS THIS WAS NOT HEADY STUFF...

— By LOU GAUTIER and KEITH GILMOUR —

Hakoah scored all three goals from well-taken headers to demolish Marconi in last Sunday's semifinal in front of another dismal crowd in a death-like atmosphere at Sydney Sportsground.

Joe Fletcher in the 7th minute and Tom Morrow in the 33rd and 84th minutes headed Hakoah into the Grand Final with the greatest of ease.

Hakoah won even more convincingly than six weeks ago when they downed Marconi 2-0 at Bossley Park to clinch the premiership.

Marconi, however, were weakened by the absence of George Kinnell — who went "walkabout" six weeks ago, but still turned up as a spectator last Sunday — and Max Tolson.

Kinnell's loss was disastrous as the Marconi defence fell apart at the seams. Alfredo Moschen looked quite lost without Kinnell next to him and the defence was at sixes and sevens and totally disorganised throughout.

In recent outings the Marconi defence has been conceding goal after goal from elementary mistakes in positioning.

Those were again well in evidence last Sunday where all three Hakoah goals followed the same pattern (see highlights below).

Tolson's absence was probably less painful than that of the cavalier Kinnell.

With or without big Max, Marconi's attack would have been hard pressed to win its duel with the disciplined Hakoah defence.

Even the tragic loss of John Watkiss — which may have dire effects for the Australian World Cup side unless Manfred Schaefer is soon back in top international form — did not weaken Hakoah's well drilled defence.

Hakoah looked certain winners almost straight from the kick-off and it was all over bar the shouting after Joe Fletcher's seventh minute goal.

Hakoah mounted some clever attacks in the first half, moved the ball about in fine style, and were duly rewarded with a second goal before halftime to make the result absolutely safe for them.

Marconi would have done better perhaps if Ernie Campbell, who just can't click, had developed any sort of understanding with Raul Carrizo, whose first half runs down the left wing always spelt danger for Hakoah.

However, it was all Hakoah and their monotonous superiority ruined the game as a spectacle after the interval.

Hakoah are just as much to blame as the dull-witted Marconi; instead of pressing home their superiority with a sustained effort they dished out entertaining football with shameful parsimony, only turning it on in spurts.

Though the standard was something of an improvement after the pathetic St. George-Wests of the previous week — as far as Hakoah was concerned only, of course — this was also a most forgettable game, unworthy of the teams which finished 1 and 2 in the 1973 league.

The highlights of the match:

2 min.: Gilbert Samuel swings out to the corner flag in Hakoah territory, back-flicking the ball smartly to Eric Burns. His long deep cross loops out before coming back infield.

4 min.: A Joe Watson cross and a John Watkiss header catch Bill Rorke out in no man's land. Fortunately for Marconi, the ball flies a metre above the bar.

7 min.: A great corner comes across from the left from Tom Morrow, who left Mike Wright standing. Joe Fletcher's head chopped the ball down into goal as Rorke groped for possession. HAKOAH 1, MARCONI 0.

8 min.: Morrow races through after Fletcher tried to back heel on. Danger man Morrow squares the ball but the defence covers.

11 min.: Milan Mihajlevic concedes a corner which goes in Hakoah's favor, the ball goes skewing untidily off his right boot.

15 min.: A lovely through-pass from Jim Davey sends Joe Watson away. He tries to jazz around the defence, makes it, but his pass is weak.

18 min.: John Watkiss catches his stud on the turf and suffers ligament damage behind the right knee. He is helped off in agony. He can't resume, and Kevin Mullen goes in.

20 min.: Mike Wright's cross finds Martin Coe grasping for the ball on the ground. It bounces free to Ray Richards, who skies it from six metres range, possibly put off by the chance of kicking Coe's hands.

24 min.: Mullen appears to handle in the box from Ernie Campbell's shot. Referee Rampley continued play.

25 min.: Zoran Brajkovic turns nicely on to a Samuel pass, but space runs out and he kicks the ball into the sidenetting.

28 min.: Jim Mackay's free kick from 10 metres outside the box is chipped for Baartz, who is just far enough away to the left of Marconi's goal to fail.

29 min.: A screamer by Ray Baartz — the 30 metre shot rattles the daylights out of the crossbar.

30 min.: Mihajlevic goes in Rampley's book.

34 min.: Joe Watson cuts out Mihajlevic on the right side near the corner flag. His cross swings perfectly for Tommy Morrow to head the goal from near the far post. HAKOAH 2, MARONI 0.

40 min.: Baartz' left foot volley is two metres off target.

RAY BAARTZ

44 min.: Baartz stabs the ball away for Fletcher to run on. Ray Richards tidies up in the nick of time with another Hakoah goal in the offing.

SECOND HALF

2 min.: Richards tries to settle things with a long striding solo run. His shot skids through to right of goal.

5 min.: Brajkovic gets under his free kick and it hits the fence on the full.

7 min.: Mike Wright is booked after Joe Watson flies through the air. Baartz' long swinging free kick from near the left touch-line floats to the far post but Rorke covers.

11 min.: Baartz operates on the same principle on a free kick.

14 min.: Pressure is on the Hakoah goal at last. Morrow and Baartz drop back and relieve the pressure.

15 min.: Burns and Brajkovic move nicely but two against the entire Hakoah augmented defence gets them nowhere.

19 min.: A sweeping ball comes from Brajkovic, with Wright receiving. Again no goal...

20 min.: Brajkovic's shot brings Martin Coe to full stretch, and again no score from Marconi in what was their first full-blooded shot.

24 min.: Up go Marconi for a 20-metre free kick from Brajkovic. The ball eludes every head and deep-lying Baartz spirits it away.

?? min.: Richards tries to break through from Burns' pass. He treads on the ball and that finishes that.

30 min.: Watson continues working away up the right, taking them on and beating them regularly.

33 min.: Fletcher spears in a volley but it brings no goal due to a prior infringement.

34 min.: A free-kick against Marconi as Jim Mackay cops a tug and then his legs are taken from under him.

36 min.: Eric Burns' cross has Hakoah in difficulties. Then Gilbert Samuel shoots just over the goal.

38 min.: Tom Morrow breaks away, just caught but gives Fletcher a great ball.

39 min.: Fletcher beats his man, switches across to Morrow who heads into the far side. HAKOAH 3, MARCONI 0.

45 min.: Burns fires over the top after Samuel's shot was blocked in a goalmouth scramble.

THE PLAYERS

For the winners, winger Joe Watson caught the eye with another brilliant display.

His swerving runs, neat chips and crosses bore all the orthodoxy of a true winger and caused havoc in the Marconi defence.

Oh, for a Watson in Australia's current World Cup squad...

Joe Fletcher also has his place in the national team, if only he too qualified residentally. The Hakoah No. 8 combined beautifully with Watson and Morrow.

Tom Morrow has come good late in the season. Last Sunday he carried on where he left off in the championship-clincher at Bossley Park last month.

His two goals were splendidly taken and he was a constant thorn in the side of the shaky Marconi defence.

Ray Baartz worked like a Trojan, but had no luck with his shooting.

Raul Carrizo was by far the best player in a very disappointing Marconi team.

His dazzling ball control and pin-point openings added a welcome touch of creativity to an otherwise pretty dull match.

Carrizo left no doubt that he would be in the Campanaclass if he wasn't so injury-prone.

And that, in the Sydney context, is quite an accolade.

Zoran Brajkovic, the industrious Richards, especially in the second half, and Stuart Robertson were the only other Marconi players to perform anywhere near their best.

Referee Peter Rampley was absolutely first-class.

Details:

Hakoah: Coe 4, Fekete 4, Davey 4, Mullen 3 (replaced Watkiss 18 min.), Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, **Watson 5,** Fletcher 4, Morrow 4, Baartz 4, Lynch 3.

Marconi: Rorke 3, Wright 3, Moschen 3, Robertson 4, Roche 3 (replaced Mihajlevic 35 min.), Richards 4, Brajkovic 4, Campbell 3, Samuel 3, **Carrizo 5,** Burns 3.

Scorers: Fletcher 7 min., Morrow 33 and 84 mins. for Hakoah.

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SAINTS TIPPED TO CLINCH 8TH GRAND FINAL SPOT

— By LOU GAUTIER —

St. George-Budapest will make soccer history if they beat Marconi in Sunday's premiership preliminary final.

A St. George victory will see them through to their eighth Sydney Grand Final — a record number of appearances for any Federation club.

Saints have played in the 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970 and 1971 Grand Finals, winning twice (in 1967 and 1971).

APIA have also played in seven Grand Finals, Marconi in none as last year's Marconi v. St. George does not appear in the record books as a premiership Grand Final, coming as it did at the end of an experimental interstate competition.

Despite their mediocre outing against Western Suburbs a fortnight ago, I take Saints to eliminate Marconi because the Fairfield team's performance against Hakoah last weekend was even less impressive.

Marconi would be strengthened, however, by the inclusion of Max Tolson, who missed the Hakoah game through injury.

Big Max may just be the foil for the talented Raul Carrizo, who was in scintillating form last Sunday.

Tolson's height, and bustling approach would clearly stamp him as Saints' Enemy Number One if he is fit to take the field.

St. George must still make do without John Warren, whose midfield promptings and attacking forays will be sadly missed.

Schaefer's task

Manfred Schaefer will have to assume leadership of the St. George side, which lacked direction in the Lorror match against Wests.

The match will be doubly important for the St. George skipper, who must also show national team coach Rale Rasic that he is now fit again for inclusion in the Australian squad.

John Watkiss' injury, even if it clears in time for the match against South Korea, makes it imperative for Schaefer to come through the current premiership series with flying colors.

Marconi-St. George matches have been incident-packed, tense affairs in the last couple of seasons.

The rivalry between the two clubs, not to mention the coaches, is intense and manifests itself on the field.

I sincerely hope that the referee keeps a tight reign on proceedings and does not let things get out of hand to mar what could be a top-notch game.

Spectators will be hoping for a repeat of the teams' magnificent second round league clash at Marks Field.

That game, which Marconi won sensationally three minutes from the end against the run of the play, possibly produced the season's best football.

Fitting prelude

Ninety minutes of the same vintage on Sunday would be a fitting prelude to the Grand Final and might ensure a reasonable crowd — at last — on September 23 for the season's club finale.

The St George and Marconi teams, packed with past and present Australian internationals, owe it to the Sydney public to turn in a far better performance than what we've seen so far in the series.

Sydney's ailing club soccer may not survive another pathetic match which alienates the already sparse public.

It's no exaggeration to state that St. George, Marconi and Hakoah, in the Grand Final, hold the future of the premiership final series in their feet.

If the elite of our club soccer continues to disappoint on the next two Sundays, it's London to a brick on that we'll soon end the season with the first past the post premiership and scrap all forms of final play-offs.

MINOR GRADE SEMIFINALS

SECOND GRADE

Marconi 7 (R. Dalcol 2, P. Richards, R. Colusso, R. Williams, P. Shane, G. Flint) d. APIA 1 (I. Murray).

THIRD GRADE

Western Suburbs 2 (N. McCallum, D. O'Callaghan) drew with APIA 2 (P. Thompson, o.g., P. Deller).

10 YEARS AGO

(From SOCCER WORLD of September 13, 1963)

South Coast thrashed Pan Hellenic 7-1 in the first semifinal at the Sportsground in front of 13,465 fans. Graham Barnett (4), Mike Johnson, Bernie Harris and John Doherty were their scorers. Charlie Perkins notched Hellenic's lone goal. Tony Boskovic was the referee.

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The drawn (1-1) Victorian State League match at Olympic Park between George Cross (3rd) and Polonia (2nd) attracted 13,600 spectators.

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Russell Haggett, the 16-year-old Auburn player, has been quickly absorbed into the life of England's Tottenham Hotspurs, which he joined as an "apprentice."

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Polonia beat Corinthians 2-1 (promoted Corinthians' first defeat of the entire season) and Balgownie downed Sydney Austral 2-0 in the Second Division semifinals.

LIKELY TEAMS

ST. GEORGE v. MARCONI

J. FRASER	1	W. MURRAY
D. UTJESENOVIC	2	M. WRIGHT
F. JUHASZ	3	J. ROCHE
M. SCHAEFER	4	A. MOSCHEN
H. WILLIAMS	5	S. ROBERTSON
B. GROSSE	6	R. RICHARDS
J. HERRON	7	Z. BRAJKOVIC
A. ABONYI	8	E. CAMPBELL
J. STODDART	9	M. TOLSON
W. HAMILTON	10	R. CARRIZO
M. DENTON	11	A. GRIFFITHS

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC

Linesmen: B. Thompson, B. Wilkinson

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Joe Vlasits linked to Norths' revival

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Soccer in the sprawling Northern Districts may well get a boost despite the relegation of their Second Division team to Third Division next season.

The shaky set-up up Hornsby way, which in recent years has seen the club going up and down like a yo yo, may consolidate on a more solid footing in the next few years.

"Uncle Joe" Vlasits, who coached Northern Districts this season and had the unfortunate experience of seeing the team relegated, has been offered a three-year contract which could well transform the club if he accepts the terms.

So far, Vlasits has not given the nod, but could well do so with a bit of encouragement.

Despite the lack of talent in the first grade side this year, Vlasits believes there's plenty of top class potential in the second and third grade sides which must come good with more coaching and experience.

Both these teams finished well up in their respective competitions but "Uncle Joe" believes the young players were not quite ready to go into the first team.

After only two years in Second Division, Northern Districts go back to Third Division next season after a disastrous season which saw the team winning only one of their 22 matches in 1973.

The club regained promotion in 1971 following the amalgamation of the two Bankstown teams — City and United — but it was a two year struggle for existence which only ended in the inevitable.

Perhaps the club was not ready to tackle the pressures of Second Division football as despite big efforts by a hard-working committee it failed to consolidate and flourish.

Following its second-last position to Ku-ring-gai last season, Northern Districts failed to come to terms with their then player-coach Dave Zeman, whose efforts most definitely delayed the big drop by one season.

Zeman was a tower of strength in the team's defence last season when he drove his team-mates on the field.

He left a big gap behind when he joined West Ryde.

Vlasits, who is renowned for his achievements in big time soccer, particularly with the younger talents, took the coaching job, but had very little material to work with for a start.

BAD START

Norths struggled from the start and with the first leg of the competition completed the team had only two points on the board and the writing was already on the wall.

Most of Northern District's' losses in the first round, however, were only by the odd goal, but this dented the morale of both players and officials.

Help was secured in the form of loaned players — in fact some excellent players with First Division experience like Geoff Green, Graeme Mackinnon, Larry Armytage, Sasha Perry and Chris Martin.

But as Vlasits points out, most of these players had a lay-off of 12 months or more out of first grade and took too much time to settle down.

Yet their initial appearance in the 13th competition round seemed to have bamboozled Bankstown whom Norths beat unexpectedly 2-1 for their only victory in the competition.

Despite the ever-present threat of relegation, work on improving facilities at Englefield Stadium went on unhindered in 1973.

New floodlights were installed, the carparking facilities have been improved considerably by sealing more areas for the commuters, sauna baths are in operation and a new soccer training field is well under way and will be completed this summer.

An attempt was made to get a liquor licence for the club and although this was knocked back by the court, officials hope that this will be granted some time in the future.

Bill Englefield, the patron of the club, has great faith in the district and is leaving no stone unturned to improve not only the facilities but also the playing staff in the future.

Only last week his financial backing enabled quite a number of young boys between the ages of 15 and 19, all district juniors, to take a full-time coaching course conducted by Vlasits.

PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

The youngsters worked and trained under professional guidance from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with all meals and facilities provided for, free of charge.

But the focus of attention is more directed towards the second and third grade sides, both of which did so well under their respective coaches, Jack Martin and Dave Wardell, in co-ordination with Vlasits.

These two teams will provide the nucleus of future first grade teams and further coaching planned for them may even hasten the maturity for some as early as next season.

It is, somehow, a pity that the reduction from three to two grades for the Third Division competition next year would limit to some extent the opportunities available for many youngsters in the district.

But promising young players like fullback Steve Cable, midfielder John Martin, stopper Tony Scott and forwards Dave Worrell, Derek Irvine and Gary Lofberg, have been earmarked for big things in the future.

Incidentally, Lofberg, a very talented striker, finished top scorer in third grade after a very successful season.

If Vlasits accepts the challenge to tackle a three-year program, Northern Districts should benefit from his vast experience as other teams and clubs did in the past.

He can be reasonably expected to re-establish the club on much stronger foundations, eliminating completely the present amateurish outlook of the whole set-up.

This would attract a better class of player, and with facilities at Englefield Stadium unbeatable, Norths will get on the road of permanent recovery for the exciting years ahead.

Sydney Third Division

Marrickville wins the Grand Final

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A great burst by Marrickville 25 minutes from the start gave the club its most successful year yet, and the team went on to beat a dispirited Ku-ring-gai 3-0 in the Third Division final at Seymour Shaw Park last Saturday.

The first 25 minutes indicated that the result might go either way, and in fact Ku-ring-gai had the Marrickville defence in all sorts of trouble.

Then Marrickville's Steve Ramsay had a hand in two goals that absolutely shattered their opponents.

George McCulloch was brought down on the right side, 45 metres out from Ku-ring-gai's goal.

His free-kick was a high ball that came lofting on to Steve Ramsay's head, and he succeeded in flicking it low into the corner of the net.

Ku-ring-gai's defence were caught napping two minutes later.

Dudley Gould picked up a loose ball, but after beating the backs and the advancing 'keeper his shot hit the upright.

Ramsay was again the man of the moment as he swooped to net the rebound.

Ku-ring-gai played their hearts out to try and retrieve the position, but to no avail as their passes were never productive enough.

Fifteen minutes into the second half it was Marrickville again, utilising a cross-field move which they have repeatedly employed this year to destroy the opposition.

Gordon Mackin, who had not previously established superiority over the Ku-ring-gai defence, found that his moment of glory had come.

He spurted ahead and crossed handsomely to Dudley Gould on the left wing, and a screaming shot blasted its way into the top right hand corner.

Marrickville had not a moment's trouble from there on.

Their triumph in the final, following a second in the premiership race by a lone point to Riverside Rapid, was a high point in their history.

It was a team effort, but the signing of former Pan Hellenic midfielder McCulloch proved a masterstroke.

There is hardly a player in Third Division to touch him for creativity, and he cannot do anything but give a wholehearted effort.

Results:

- 1st grade: Marrickville v. Ku-ring-gai 3-0.
- 2nd grade: Arncliffe Scots v. Warringah 2-0.

HISTORIC MEETING

Third Division clubs met last week to set right some of the points that have not been touched in the three years since the Division was formed.

No meetings have previously been held, so the clubs decided to approach the Federation for the right to operate a regular sub-committee, and for a vote in the Council.

The most important move was towards the establishment of a third grade competition for 1974.

Clubs present decided to advise the Federation Executive that if referees could not be provided, the clubs would be able to make their own arrangements.

The necessary approaches will be made to the Federation, and the next meeting was fixed for October 15.

It is wrong in principle that the Federation should not see that Third Division clubs hold their own regular meetings.

The Inter-Suburbans could examine the situation also.

There is room for representative teams to visit the country for example.

Now that the juniors are asserting themselves through the ASF amateur committee, which is largely junior in composition, it is up to the amateurs to find better goals.

At amateur level touring arrangements should be proceeding in co-operation with the entire Oceania region, as there is ample room for a direct build-up to be made.

— K.G.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The Dockerty Cup, once the pot of gold of Victorian soccer and a competition which always ensured those reaching the concluding stages rich financial rewards, has already reached the semifinal stages without attracting a great deal of attention.

Last year the competition reached an all-time low in respect of gate returns and so far this year the overall attendances have again been disappointing.

With the drawing power of South Melbourne-Hellas, JUST and JUST missing from the semis (all eliminated) the shock side of 1973 — Alexander — will be relied upon to make the turnstiles click in their first-ever semifinal appearance and they will boost the competition even more if they reach the final.

The semifinal draw is Hakoah v. Austria and Alexander v. Melbourne.

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Good stuff goes in small bundles is an old saying that can be applied to Jimmy McConville, the diminutive defender of George Cross who joined the club last year from Arthurlie Juniors in Scotland, but didn't clinch a regular first team place until the start of the season. His ability to read the game well and have no inferiority complex against wingers of the calibre of Dan Zoraja (JUST) and Billy McIntyre (SM-Hellas) more than make up for his lack of inches.

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The First Division has proved a happy hunting ground for State League clubs this year with the signing of Mick Micevski and Jimmy Akers from Altona City to Hakoah, Nat Little from Altona City to South Melbourne-Hellas and George Nierbocz from Keilor City to Polonia. JUST picked up a more than useful player in Mike Rnjak from Carlton, while Alexander got a couple of worthwhile signings in Lou Iorandis from Northcote and Mike Stogiannou from Altona.

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Bill Curran (South Melbourne-Hellas) may go to England at Christmas in a bid to recruit a few good class players for his club. Last trip Bill made a few years ago was followed by the arrival of Peter Bourne, Ian Marshall and Peter Rutherford. Both Bourne and Marshall have given great service and are still with the club and Rutherford was also good before going back to England 18 months ago.

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The Federation Cup first main round kicks-off this Saturday and 16 games are scheduled to be played off in this keen Metropolitan competition. The pick of the matches are: Altona City v. Moreland, Sunshine City v. Springvale and Preston v. Prahran City.

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Much talk has been made in recent months on reorganisation of the State League, but nothing official has come from the Victorian Soccer Federation nor from the State League Management Committee. One suggestion that the league be enlarged to make it a 16-club affair has perhaps some merits on some counts, particularly if it is part of a long-term policy to build up a competition which got badly run-down in recent years. But on the other hand, to keep the status-quo or even reduce the number of top clubs in such a small area league as Melbourne has perhaps more merit because at least a third of the 12 clubs never have "Buckley's chance" of winning the league title anyway.

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Ken Kontra, the Wilhelmina coach who is back in Hungary for a holiday for the first time in 29 years, will meet the Hungarian national coach Illovszky and the Coaches' Federation in Budapest for talks and he will also visit both Austria and Germany to enlarge his knowledge of modern coaching methods. Kontra, who has been Director of Coaching in Victoria for some time, was recently made a life member of the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation.

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Few players are more keen or enthusiastic about a game than Syd Steele, who has been around the Wilhelmina scene as a regular for many years but during the past couple of seasons only gets the occasional run out with the first team. Syd has been a model player for the club with his loyalty over the past 10 years.

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Austria's poor league placing this season after finishing in the top half of the ladder in 1972 — their first in the State League — has been one of the surprises in Victorian soccer. For in my book the regular line-up they have sported this season has been well ahead of that of the previous season. Brilliant displays by 'keeper Fred Schul, consistent performances by defender Hans Hinze, the acquisition at considerable cost of Jock Goodwin, from Juventus, has transformed their midline plus the recent signing of Jim Kondarios (ex-Croatia) which has tightened their defence, but the scoring feats of strikers John and Barry Webb of 1972 were not repeated mainly due to the fact that Barry quit very early in the season to concentrate on his studies.

— JIM COOK

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AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR SERIES REVIEWED

SYDNEY UNDER-16s FLOP AGAIN AS TITLE GOES TO NEWCASTLE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A first class Northern NSW side captured the Sir Stanley Rous Cup and the Australian under-16 championship by defeating Queensland 5-0 in the final played at Perry Park, Brisbane, last weekend.

NSW won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 to miss out on a semifinal place.

Last year's champions, Victoria, were only defeated 1-0 in extra-time in the semifinal by the Northern New South Welshmen.

Probably the best game of the series was NSW v. Northern NSW.

The Northerners gained a deflection for their first goal, and NSW conceded one more as they threw everything into a final attacking effort.

All games were played under excellent conditions at Perry Park, with the semi-finals held at Lanham Park.

Tasmania have made a great advance since 1972, and proved the surprise packet of the tournament.

It cannot be expected that NSW must necessarily win such a tournament even though with 94,000 junior players we dominate the Australian scene numerically.

Last year we came 7th and this year 5th.

Yet the trouble is that NSW selection is political and not football orientated and until the NSW Federation does something constructive about it NSW will be dragged in the mud.

If as of now the NSW Federation would call nominations for coach and leave it to a top selected man to present his system things could be changed for the better.

Amateurs and NSW CHS could be used for trial teams against which the main State team could play, and the coach could make adjustments in team selections from there.

Talk to any top coach, Rasic, Vlasits, or the knowledgeable group that follow the abilities of the up and coming stars and you will soon learn more of where the present "system" falls short.

This is a competition for dedicated young professionals-to-be, and the sooner someone up there does something about it and stops the tail-wagging the dog the better it will be.

UNDER-15

Victoria defeated Queensland 7-0 in the under-15 final before a 2,700 crowd in a superbly organised carnival in Melbourne.

NSW was far from disgraced. They won the "A" Division, only to draw the semifinal against Queensland and go down on penalty kicks — 4 to 3.

Only NSW and Northern NSW fielded players from amateur clubs, other States drew from up and coming lads from senior clubs.

NSW was a small, fast side, towered over by WA, Vic. and Tas., all of whom had many six footers.

Darryl Stephens (St. George) was awarded the prize as leading goalscorer.

The Mayor of Sunshine gave a civic reception, five members of parliament attended the game, Sunshine City band was there.

NSW manager Perc Freer was so impressed with the Victorian organisation and the help of the Albion Rovers club that he says he would be at his wits end to find a way to do as well when interstate teams come to Sydney.

UNDER-14

The Hobart hospitality was overwhelming for the eight teams visiting for the under-14 championship, but Eric Drury, NSW team manager and State amateur secretary, reports that NSW just came home against Northern NSW 1-0 in a final that was anyone's game.

NSW collected a goal, and went back into their shell, holding on until the end.

So much was learnt by some states that the competition will be vastly harder to win in 1974.

NSW defeated Victoria 4-0 in the semifinal.

State coaches selected an Australian side at the conclusion, and five NSW and four Northern NSW boys went into the squad.

All States played real team football, with no strikingly outstanding players.

Northern Territory was far from strong as a unit, but it was good to see them entering.

Danny Rothwell (St. George) was a topliner in the NSW midfield, and Greg Atkins was unlucky enough to dislocate a kneecap, which will mean three weeks in plaster.

UNDER-13

NSW won an excellent under-13 series undefeated at Orange, downing the Victorian boys in the final last Sunday.

The NSW record was v. WA 4-2, v. N. NSW 4-0, v. Vic. 5-0, v. ACT 4-0, v. Tas. 1-1.

NSW rested five players in the match against the Tasmanians.

NSW fielded by far the best side in this grade, scoring 19 goals and allowing three, whereas the next side recorded 8 for and 10 against.

Amongst the boys to show out were Martin Muddell (St. George), top scorer for the tournament with seven goals, and the captain, Michael Martin from Kuring-gai.

Jim Bielby (Granville) was rated the hardest shot ever seen in under-13 by coach Dave Lee.

In view of the heavy Orange grounds he was placed in midfield, and proved to be the ideal player to bring about the breaks.

Refereeing, grounds, and all arrangements were voted of the highest standard.

UNDER-12

All the work put into the NSW team by Manly coach Ron Talbot paid off as NSW won the first national title with a 2-1 win over Northern NSW in extra-time under floodlights at Crystal Palace ground, Wallsend.

NSW had gained a 2-0 win over the same side in their earlier meeting.

In a great side of youngsters left-winger Brad Hearne (St. George) and Ian Hunter (Nepean) were amongst the stars.

The great improvers were Western Australia, who did well with a side that included five of their 1972 under-10s.

The Adamstown Rosebuds club came in to fill the bill and provided a lot of help to the visiting sides.

INTER-SUBURBAN FINALS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The experience of former international David Zeman bucked up the West Ryde defence over a torrid final half hour, as they held on to defeat Gladesville Ravens 1-0 in the First Division final at Sydney Athletic Field.

Ravens' forwards stayed anchored in and about West Ryde's penalty area without scoring, although they hit both crossbar and upright.

West Ryde opened well and were dominant in the first half, and took their opportunity well when it came midway in the second half.

In the last half hour West Ryde could only muster the odd breakaway, but with one goal on the board it proved all that mattered.

In midfield Gladesville's Stephen Butt had a great game, holding the measure of that great campaigner Phil Wilcox.

Ravens have lost all three encounters with West Ryde this year. Now the vital double clashes come over the next two weekends, with the winner heading for Third Division Federation in 1974.

SECOND DIVISION

Laurie Parkhouse and John Keddie, two of Toongabbie's experienced men, netted two goals apiece in the club's 5-4 final win over Riverstone in a match that provided a fitting finale to an excellent season.

At Garside Park Riverstone led at 2-0 and 3-1, only to slump to a 3-3 count at half time.

First Vince Cole scored by slipping the ball in from Seb Grasso's corner.

Another corner from Grasso saw Brian Bowman first time his shot home.

Billy Coles accepted a pass from Michael Milanovic enabling Coles to score Riverstone's third from 13 metres out.

Laurie Parkhouse took a strong hand in events and whipped in a penalty after he had been fouled in the box.

From a freekick five metres outside the area it was Parkhouse again — his shot beat the wall and the unsighted goalkeeper was only able to touch the ball as it sped in.

The score stood at 3-3 when John Keddie scored for Toongabbie and the reply came when Seb Grasso curled in a freekick for Riverstone.

Two minutes from the end Keddie's turn came, and he made no mistake with the winner.

THIRD DIVISION

Little North Ryde, the team that broke into Inter-Suburban football to give its rising youngsters more scope for their abilities, topped a great first season by taking the Third Division final with a 5-3 win over Lethbridge Rangers at Inman Park.

Centre-forward Dave Robbins netted twice in extra-time, and final one was a beauty.

He hitched on to a through pass, outwitted the Lethbridge 'keeper by lifting the ball over him, and raced on to push the ball into goal.

The game was a battle royal throughout, with Lethbridge opening with two good goals.

Glen Walker, the North Ryde captain, scored a quick goal after half-time, and then Rick Shepherd caught the opposing 'keeper out of position with a shot from every bit of 30 metres out.

Lethbridge fought back to lead 3-2, and then Ian Jackson made an inspiring sprint up the left to cut in and place the ball over the 'keeper for 3-3 at full-time.

North Ryde's two extra goals came in the first period of extra time, and the final session was scoreless.

North Ryde was unlucky to lose Gary Onley, who had a heavy fall that resulted in a hospital trip to check a neck injury.

Second grade final results:

- Gladesville v. Arncliffe RSL 3-2.
- Artarmon v. Riverstone 3-2.
- Padstow Park v. Earlwood 2-2.

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JUNIOR SOCCER INFLUX

State Amateur secretary, Eric Drury, told us last week that his Federation expected a gigantic influx of youngsters into soccer ranks next season.

"Rugby League does not now operate for boys below under-10 grade, but our policy is never to turn kids away from a game of soccer", he said.

District Associations generally conduct competitions from under-6 to under-9 and upwards.

Southern Districts is believed to have decided to run competitions for boys up to under-9, but they are seeking a way to run these on a basis that does away with competition points.

Les Fairclough, president of Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association, said that his body is fully committed to provide for younger boys.

"Gladesville-Hornsby has received a lot of junior club and Council co-operation in providing small fields for lads up to under-9.

"At big junior grounds such as Meadowbank and Christie Park we have plenty of small grounds with scaled down posts suitable for juniors.

"There are other small parks such as Booth Park, Beecroft, where our youngsters play," said Mr. Fairclough.

Frank Wilson, secretary of the same Association, said that as many boys as possible would be provided for.

He also took the point that the younger teams made their contribution towards ground costs and overheads.

With the Association involved in expenditure of some $40,000 for a season this fact is not without its significance.

State Amateur president Sid Tanner is also secretary of the St. George Association.

TOO YOUNG

He says that the Association regards under-5 as too young, and there is a motion for the AGM to phase out under-6.

St. George might settle for under-sixes, with eight players per team, if they can obtain enough small grounds from Councils.

In Sutherland, the problem is to obtain sufficient grounds, and more are needed to provide for expansion.

The code has now spread further and further into Western NSW, and in the south once weak Canberra is thriving.

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— K.G.

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MARCONI v. ST. GEORGE 2-1

CARRIZO, CAMPBELL TAKE SAINTS TO THE CLEANERS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Alan Griffith, surprisingly left to click his heels on the bench whilst Hakoah demolished Marconi the previous week, was one of the inspired Marconi forward trio who established an early and match-winning superiority over St. George in the preliminary final last Sunday.

The "Big Three", tantalising Raul Carrizo, impudent Ernie Campbell and the determined Griffith, had Marconi 2-0 ahead after 29 minutes and the best that St. George could do was to peg back one lonely goal.

In the opening period the Marconi trio had Saints' defence shattered. Even Utjesenovic had the "horrors".

Fabian Juhasz started tentatively, and his clearances throughout the first half went awry. Jimmy Fraser spent the afternoon letting the ball slip untidily through his fingers.

Saints' lone hand in matching Marconi's attack was Manfred Schaefer, who heroically retrieved and slipped through some telling passes all afternoon.

He even made the time to venture up front to make up for his forwards' lack of fire.

Tactically, Marconi reversed the normal roles. They turned St. George into the dragon, and mortally wounded it inside 30 minutes with two thrusting goals.

SPITEFUL

They held on grimly against Saints' thrashing come-back for 15 minutes of the second half, after Mike Johnson had attempted to reverse history by bringing on forward Neville Morgan for defender Fabian Juhasz.

The next phase saw both sides working away, but lacking in their first half forcefulness.

In the closing stage spite reigned supreme.

Brajkovic claimed to be on the receiving end of Hamilton's attempted head butt. He came round smartly. Apparently the feigned amazement that his opponent remained on the park did more to restore him than a dozen wet sponges.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC
(St. George-Budapest)

Campbell's erratic brilliance was on view as he deflected in Griffith's fifth minute right wing corner.

Raul Carrizo — pulsating, vibrant — left Saints' defence in gawkish disarray.

The second goal saw Alan Griffith send a raking midfield pass from right towards the left wing.

Carrizo sold Utjesenovic the dummy with an effortless body swerve, and Campbell didn't bat an eyelid as he snapped the ball into Fraser's net.

Attila Abonyi, playing great football during recent weeks, bewitched Marconi's defence and enabled St. George to record their 31st minute goal through George Harris.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the final were:

1 min.: Saints started brightly, but soon Fabian Juhasz fiddled a half-hearted clearance which fortunately landed in open space.

4 min.: Alan Griffith works to within 10 metres of Saints' goal. His pass is held a fraction too long to bring results.

5 min.: Campbell brilliantly directs Alan Griffith's right wing corner into the net. MARCONI 1 ST. GEORGE 0.

7 min.: Eric Burns' pass finds Griffith, who is caught fair and square by Doug Utjesenovic's tackle.

9 min.: At last the ball is switched into Marconi territory. Utjesenovic and Abonyi stab at the ball after Hamilton's cross, but each time it is caught in the wall of players.

16 min.: Denton received a loose ball eight metres out, only to have his snap shot blocked on the line by the outstretched foot of Alfredo Moschen.

19 min.: Raul Carrizo leaves Juhasz for dead in a break for goal but fires to right of goal.

21 min.: A through ball deflects off Ray Richards' head to Saints' Doug Utjesenovic, who heads two metres over the top.

29 min.: Alan Griffith sends a midfield cross ball from right to left. Carrizo stabs his way past Utjesenovic aided by a smart body swerve. His pass is met by Ernie Campbell, who strokes it home with effortless ease. MARCONI 2 ST. GEORGE 0.

31 min.: Immediately Abonyi cuts the ball along the Marconi byeline. George Harris read the position well to transfer ball to net. MARCONI 2, ST. GEORGE 1.

45 min.: Carrizo beats Utjesenovic by cutting the ball on for Samuel, who got fouled up with Fraser as he advanced. A certain goal goes begging leaving Marconi halftime leader 2-1.

SECOND HALF

1 min.: Mike Johnson swings in Neville Morgan for Juhasz in a bid to liven up the attack.

5 min.: Abonyi rounds the Marconi defence, only to have his shot courageously blocked by Bill Murray. Hamilton's corner is punched clear in a nick of time.

9 min.: Hamilton puts Abonyi in possession to left of goal. He delicately cuts the ball for Denton, who misses meeting it by a metre.

14 min.: The toiling Schaefer is right up for Utjesenovic's freekick, which is punched out by Murray.

22 min.: Brajkovic and Mihajlevic take pots and Fraser recovers the second as Mihajlevic bores in.

27 min.: John Stoddart's long ball meets Mike Denton, who lacks control and loses the opportunity.

33 min.: Stoddart and Campbell are called aside by the referee after a tussle.

35 min.: Mihajlevic goes into the book!

37 min.: Carrizo canters away — Fraser smothers feet-first.

STUART ROBERTSON
(Marconi)

39 min.: Grosse to Denton — Murray smuggles ball from his foot.

43 min.: Boskovic accidentally bundles Mihajlevic over! Herron trips Griffith.

45 min.: The Hamilton "butts" Brajkovic incident. Mayhem!

THE PLAYERS

This was the Raul Carrizo we have long waited to see. Gentle, caressing, passive, then bursting into a tango through the defence.

Campbell, too, here no hint of the aimlessness he showed the previous week.

His two goals were models of economy and efficiency.

Goalkeeper Bill Murray outshone Fraser, even allowing that his clearing punches lacked sting.

Alfredo Moschen played stoutly, and indeed his blocking of Denton's shot in the 16th minute was a vital point in the game.

Richards, at double-stopper, was not up to early World Cup form, but the display was good enough to be a strong factor in Marconi's win.

Abonyi had enough vim to turn a loss into a win had he received proper support.

He and Schaefer topped St. George's bill.

John Stoddart and Willie Hamilton did their share. Stoddart's passes from deep-lying centre-forwards would have provided great material up front, had the resolve been greater.

Missing was referee Tony Boskovic's normal firmness when it came to straightening out the end of match donnybrook — which only goes to show that even the best referees can have an off-day.

Details:

Marconi: Murray 4, Robertson 3, Moschen 4, Mihajlevic 3, Roche 3, Richards 4, Brajkovic 4, **Campbell 5**, Griffith 4, **Carrizo 5**, Burns (Samuel 14 min., 3, Wright 75 min.).

St. George: Fraser 3, G. Harris 3 (Grosse 80 min.), Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 4, Williams 3, Juhasz 2 (Morgan 46 min. 3), Herron 3, Abonyi 4, Stoddart 4, Hamilton 4, Denton 3.

Scorers: Campbell 5 min. and 29 mins. for Marconi, G. Harris 31 min. for St. George.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,718.

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DRAMA, UPSETS GALORE IN GRAND FINALS

If the past is any guide, Sunday's Grand Final — the 16th since the formation of Federation — will again produce its fair share of drama and possibly upsets.

Almost in the tradition of the FA Cup in England, this annual, solemn event in Sydney soccer has been a graveyard of hot favorites and "unbeatable" teams.

Let's run through the years and bring back memories, some fond, some painful, depending which team is closest to your heart.

1957

Auburn v. Canterbury 4-3. Sportsground, 8,440 spectators.

The series duly started with a sensational match; in the 77th minute Canterbury were comfortably in the lead, with 3-1. Then Auburn unwound a tremendous finish, led by Len Quested, and finally Jack Knapp scored the winner with three minutes to spare.

Auburn: W. Henderson, Cardiff, Wilson, McAllister, Duff, A. Henderson, Staples, Hall, Quested, Knapp, Thorburn.

1958

Canterbury v. Auburn 2-1. Sportsground, 8,840 spectators.

With this, Canterbury added the Grand Final to their wins in the Ampol and Federation Cups.

It's hard to believe that the crowd's contribution, £1,549, was then an Australian record.

Ray Neal opened the score late in the first half for the Berries, but Hall equalised in the 65th minute. Then minutes later Bruce Young, that dynamic Canterbury striker — then centre-forward — headed home the winner.

Said a reporter after the match: "Watkiss, a tall, raw-boned fellow, only 17, proved one of the season's biggest finds. Encouraged by coach Joe Vlasits, Watkiss developed amazingly during the year . . ."

Canterbury: Brown, North, Jones, D. Brown, Curry, Stocks, Watkiss, Moore, Young, Neal, Salisbury.

1959

Prague v. APIA 3-2. Henson Park, 12,400 spectators.

The match was played in a blinding rainstorm with every single spectator getting thoroughly drenched.

However, the match was of a high standard and the issue was open to the last minute.

Prague: Lord, Hiron, Sherwin, Tamandl, O'Neil, Jaros, Schwarz, Sagi, Baumgartner, Ninaus, Scheinflug.

1960

Canterbury v. Pargue 5-2. Henson Park, 17,827 spectators.

A large gate takings of £4,216 was recorded, today this would be closer to the value of about $18,000.

This was the great "Baumgartner saga", the match in which the Austrian wizard and the young Canterbury starlets put on a memorable show and wiped the floor with the favored Prague.

With the Berries leading 2-1, Prague had three enormous chances; once they hit the bar, once an official goal was disallowed.

But then Canterbury unwound a great finish — and that was that.

Canterbury: R. Brown, Curry, Jones, Watkiss, North, Campbell, Amigo, Smith, Baumgartner, Salisbury, G. Warren.

All the five Canterbury forwards scored a goal while Prague's were obtained by Jaros and Sherwin.

1961

Hakoah v. Canterbury 4-1. Henson Park, 18,432 spectators.

A sudden heatwave settled on Sydney — and most of the crowd watched the drama unfold with their shirts off.

Canterbury, the raging hot favorites, made the mistake of enthusiastically chasing every ball, while Hakoah were content to let the ball run.

Pretty soon it became evident that in the murderous heat, Hakoah's tactics were the superior — and they won easily.

Hakoah: Wenzl, Mach, Handorf, Aird, Kearns, Blutsch, Hmcir, Chaldi, Levi, Neal, Jaros. Jaros scored twice, Levi and Neal once for Hakoah.

1962

Hakoah v. Budapest 4-2. Sportsground, 26,770 spectators.

The crowd consituted yet another record — and it seemed that with these yearly increases Rugby League's days were numbered.

Budapest had to play Yugal twice in three days to reach the Grand Final and this may have sapped their energy.

Hakoah, on the day, were the classier of the two teams and led 3-0 at half-time.

Hakoah: Wenzl, Mach, Handorf, Aird, Kearns, Chaldi, Jaros, Blutsch, Levi, Ninaus, Dolezal. Ninaus scored a hat-trick and Blutsch added a fourth goal while for Budapest Hetherington and Medina were the scorers.

1963

South Coast v. APIA 4-0. Sportsground, 30,158 spectators.

The gates had to be closed at 2.30 — the ground was jam-packed with the largest crowd ever to see a Sydney Grand Final.

APIA were odds-on favorites — and that might have led to their undoing. They started off slowly, complacently, and were surprised by a brilliant, aggressive South Coast.

After 14 minutes the provincials led 3-0 and from then on merely coasted home.

South Coast: Billington, Salisbury, J. Harris, Ringland, Kelly, Tolson, B. Harris, Johnson, Brownlie, Barnett, Patterson. Mike Johnson scored two, Brownlie and McKellar (own goal) one each.

1964

APIA v. Budapest 7-2. Sportsground, 22,366 spectators.

This was the first time since 1959 (Prague) that a team won the championship — Grand Final double.

APIA held a narrow 2-1 lead at halftime but in the second period completely wrecked the Budapest defence, scoring goals at will towards the end.

John Watkiss is unlikely to forget this day — he scored five of the goals, the others coming from Giacometti and Wong, while Budapest's scorers were Galambos and Hughes, own goal.

APIA: Iglesias, Van Blerk, Murua, Ackerley, Hughes, Bottalico, Falconer, Giacometti, Watkiss, Wong, Jaros.

1965

APIA v. Budapest 2-0. Wentworth Park, 9,857 spectators.

Note how, in two years, the crowds melted down . . . A heatwave plus live TV coverage of the second half must have played their part in ruining the attendance.

The standard of the match was low and it was largely due to the genius of Campana that APIA gained the upper hand.

APIA: Roberts, Van Blerk, Sambrook, Ackerley, Hughes, Bottalico, Mackinnon, Campana, Watkiss, Wong, Giacometti. Watkiss and Wong scored the goals.

1966

Hakoah v. APIA 2-1. Sportsground, 7,750 spectators.

The match was held in torrential rain, with ankle-deep mud covering the field.

In the 10th minute Campana was sent off for a foul on Duffy — and that sealed APIA's fate.

However, even so, it was 1-1 until the 89th minute when Gerry Hood scored the hotly disputed winning goal.

Hakoah: Fuzes, Thomson, Marnoch, Hillsdon, Walsh, Duffy, Fekete, Christie, Ninaus, Hood, Holden. Ninaus was the other Hakoah scorer.

1967

St. George-Budapest v. APIA 5-2. Sportsground, 16,741 spectators.

After 23 minutes APIA were leading 2-0, but right on halftime, Stegbauer managed to pull one back.

In the second half St. George, inspired by Warren and Cliss, swept APIA off the field with a tremendous power display.

This was St. George's fourth Grand Final appearance — and their first victory.

St. George: Haffey, Isaac, Morgan, Hillary, Schaefer, Zuckerman, Stegbauer, Warren, McColgan, Cliss, Fernandez. Cliss scored a hat-trick, Stegbauer and McColgan scoring the others while for APIA, Kerklaan and Blue were successful.

Referee Tony Boskovic reads the riot act to Ernie Campbell and John Stoddart, both of whom were very lucky not to be sent off midway through the second half last Sunday. Boskovic did not have one of his better games and was astonishingly benevolent throughout the Marconi-St. George premiership final which degenerated into a running battle in the last half hour or so.

1968

Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic 4-2. Sportsground, 22,111 spectators.

This was what will go down as the "Rutherford final". Willie Rutherford, recently arrived from Scotland, tore Pan Hellenic apart, with a hand in all four goals.

Until the 84th minute the match stood at 2-2 — but then two dashes by Willie ended in two goals. Earlier Loukanidis scored with a free-kick from 35 metres.

Hakoah: Fuzes, Fekete, Marnoch, Hillsdon, Walsh, Yaager, H. Rutherford, W. Rutherford, Watkiss, Baartz, Jones. The two Rutherfords, Watkiss and Johnston (own goal) made up Hakoah's foursome; Loukanidis and Omeros scored for the losers.

1969

APIA v. St. George-Budapest 3-2. Sportsground, 11,065 spectators.

The first match, watched by 21,285 people, ended in a draw and a replay was ordered for Tuesday night. In this, however, the national team players were not allowed to take part, as next day they were leaving for Korea.

Thus the teams were without Keith, Ackerley, Rorke, Schaefer, Warren and Abonyi.

St. George, though rather luckily, held a 2-0 lead with 11 minutes to go when APIA simply stormed their way back, driven by Bottalico, Sambrook and Campbell who, incredibly, scored a hat-trick in less than 10 minutes.

APIA: McQuire, Van Blerk, Sambrook, McKinnon, Hughes, Bottalico, Montgomery (Callaghan), Blues, Blue, Campbell, Mackinnon.

1970

Ryde v. St. George-Budapest 4-0. Sportsground, 6,200 spectators.

This was the smallest crowd ever to see a Grand Final in Federation history — and no wonder: it rained cats and dogs for 24 hours and the playing area was one enormous pool of water.

Ryde, beaten by St. George 4-0 the week before, turned the tables here, having adapted themselves much better to the abnormal conditions.

Rafaneli, Joe Alagich and Rudic were the stars for the winners.

Ryde: Cajkusic, Trkulja, Rudic, Dougan, Waters, Rafaneli, J. Alagich, Brajkovic, Fray, Bert, Volar. Alagich scored three and Volar one of the goals.

1971

St. George-Budapest v. Western Suburbs 3-2. Sportsground, 12,600 spectators.

Tremendous tension and excitement were present in this surprise Grand Final.

Wests caused something of a shock by reaching the Grand Final in their first year in First Division after taking out the Ampol Cup.

Alan Ainslie was the hero for St. George with 22nd and 48th minute goals.

Saints were never headed but splendid goals by Western Suburbs defenders George Kinnell and David Johnston tied the score at 2-2 after 62 minutes before Abonyi scored the winning goal in the 71st minute — from a great pass by the irresistible Ainslie.

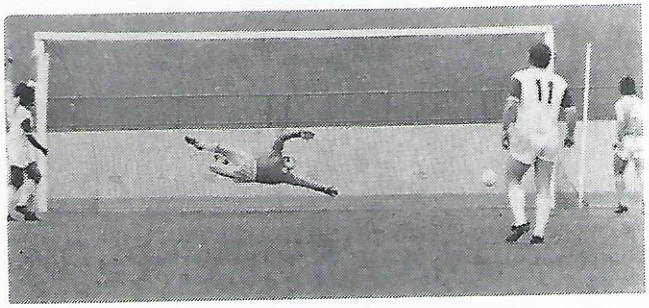
St. George: Reilly, Harris, Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Hogg, Abonyi, Alston, Hamilton, Denton, Herron (Williams), Ainslie.

This was referee Tony Boskovic's ninth straight Grand Final.

1972

There were no premiership final play-offs or semifinals last year as Sydney clubs flirted with the interstate series, the final of which was an all-NSW affair between Rasic's Marconi and Frank Arok's St. George.

Marconi won a spiteful match 1-0, with a Max Tolson goal straight from a phenomenal Ray Richards throw-in.



Despite a valiant attempt, Saints' international goalkeeper Jim Fraser is well and truly beaten by this shot by Ernie Campbell, who's not in the picture, and Marconi go to a 2-0 lead after 29 minutes. St. George pegged back one goal, but Marconi were too good on the day and won 2-1 to qualify for this week's Grand Final against Hakoah. The other St. George players in the photograph are Mike Denton (11) and Harry Williams. No. 4 is Marconi's Milan Mihajlevic and the obscured No. 9 with his arms raised on the extreme left is Allan Griffith.

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THE ANDY BURTON STORY

AWARD WINNER WAS THE "STORMY PETREL" OF SOCCER

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Only the select few amongst soccer enthusiasts can claim 52 years of continuous service to the code.

Fewer still could dare to have worked with the fervor and intensity that has characterised the soccer career of uncompromising Andy Burton, our 1973 Marcel Nagy Award winner for meritorious administrative service to the sport.

Andrew Burton's finest hour came at the outset of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs in 1957.

His background was that of soccerdom's stormy petrel. He seemed fated to be the outsider who never came home — yet come home he did.

Harry Miller was nominated as the Federation's first president, and the vote was 18 to Miller and 1 to Burton.

Then, in one of those strange quirks that alters sporting history, Miller was forced to withdraw due to business pressure. Unheralded and unsung, the 18 to 1 shot was in the chair.

Men like the late Walter Sternberg could operate masterfully in some areas; Harry Bartlett, Jimmy Pratt and many, many others could shoulder the wheel.

But "Darky" Burton's towering figure dominated the committee rooms as an endless grind of meetings determined that the new organisation would assume the mantle of soccer leadership in Australia.

Andrew Burton was appointed first Life Member of the NSW Federation. He spent five years as president, another five on the executive.

Today, at past 70 years, he is an active Disciplinary Committee secretary and throws his heart into the other jobs that come his way.

Many posts

Here's a list of the main posts he held on the way to the presidency:

- 22 years president, secretary or player of Canterbury junior club.
- 25 years vice president Canterbury SFA.
- Official of Canterbury-Bankstown and then Canterbury - Marrickville SFC.
- 20 years in State juniors (NSW Soccer Commission and NSW Junior SFA), 10 as vice president and 10 as president.

All these organisations thought it appropriate to appoint him a life member.

Never once did he deliberately seek office. He stayed as deputy to Stan Jones as State Junior president right until the day that Jones moved into the NSW Association.

Burton started in junior football administration in 1921, entering the seniors in 1933.

Cec Barlow, the late Bill Brackenbury and Burton formed a club from Canterbury Junior Association to take over the balance of the season from Canterbury seniors, who had gone defunct.

They downed Balgownie-Corrimal 4-2 in the State Cup.

Against all odds the Berries also ran rings around undefeated Adamstown, who fielded Billy Collahan, "Ducky" Henwood, to record a 5-2 premiership win.

The pressure told. Soon Canterbury tumbled — an 11-1 loss to the Metters side which included "Tugger" Bryant, Billy Monagle and Roy Crowhurst.

The season's problems overwhelmed little Canterbury. They could not rise above the depression years slump, whilst Metters and Wollongong Steelworks had the jobs that the players lacked.

Back went Burton to the juniors, and it was ten long years before the chance came to lift Canterbury out of the dungeon.

The new NSW Soccer League in 1943 was a Sydney-South Coast-Newcastle affair. Canterbury finished second last, but, providentially, free of debt.

By 1944 they were mid-League, and then came the Barlow and Burton decision to import talent from Newcastle.

$120 transfer fee

Word came from Wallsend that Reg Date was available, and a $120 transfer fee sealed the deal.

With Date came "Pippy" Wilkinson — Andy classes him as one of the greatest generals to enter a soccer field in Australia — "Spike" Lonergan, "Tussy" Thornton and Reg Fenwick.

ANDY BURTON

The masterful Reg Date drew $30 a week, $12 went to Lonergan, a quid a man for the others, and Reg gave them a kick-back.

In two years the Canterbury-Bankstown club had won all 10 cups that comprised a deal of the season's play.

In 1947 Canterbury was a threat to every team, but then Date transferred back to the North.

1948-49 were ordinary years, but the club amalgamated with Metters to go from Blick Oval to Arlington, and finally they became Canterbury-Marrickville when trade names went out of fashion.

Recent years are closer to our memory, so let Andy Burton reflect back on some of his all-time greats.

As individuals he does not believe that footballers today are superior to those of some earlier eras.

Date and Wilkinson he rates as tops — with West Wallsend product Jack "Bully" Hughes the greatest of them all.

Old-time stars

Jimmy Cunningham, Ted Drain and Bobby Bignall as footballers would compare with the very best today — importations and all.

Burton believes that methods are superior today, but he regards the breezy style of those days as a more attractive show for the football public.

For Andy the Canterbury side from 1957 to 1962 decided for all time that local talent could reach the heights if the tuition is right.

John Watkiss, Johnny Warren, Jimmy Moore, Ray Neal, Bruce Young and Geoff Campbell had all carved their niche by 19 years of age.

Then came Leo Baumgartner (transfer fee $1,000) and the great Henson Park Grand Final of 1960.

Leo beat off three or four men and sent the ball on to Joe Amigo, who held it just long enough for Leo to fly through and his flashing shot met net as the young Berries raced to a 5-2 win over the mighty Prague.

The Berries settled down from there, but in Andrew Burton's demanding mind is the refreshing hope that their promotion to First Division in 1974 will provide the action for some rising stars of the same mould of those of yesteryear.

FIRST LEG TO RAVENS

Gladesville Ravens went to a 3-1 lead in the first leg of their play-off against West Ryde Rovers at Peel Park last Saturday.

It was only the first loss for Rovers in seven starts against the Ravens, and the two goal lead is of vital significance with a Third Division position hanging on the outcome.

The second leg will provide a well-attended battle at L.H. Waud Sportsground at Meadowbank on Saturday.

Bert Wilcox's continual midfield grafting was the key point in Gladesville's win.

In this department West Ryde was handicapped by Barry Waud's absence due to flu. Glen Birrell tried hard to fill the spot, but it took him 20 minutes to settle to the position.

TORRID

The opening was torrid, and soon Steve Woods was on the spot to pick up a double deflection from West Ryde's defence and make his scoring shot.

Gladesville was unfortunate to loose Steve Butt, who needed eight stitches in his face after striking himself on a drain just off the playing pitch.

Eddie Fryer came on and filled the right-back slot.

Neil Vale caught West Ryde napping. Five Ravens took part in the movement, and the ball was played back to Vale, whose 25-metre shot travelled like a thunderclap just under the bar.

Jim Keatings put Gladesville three ahead by running to control a clearance that David Zeman had skied into the wind.

Keatings gained possession and scored following a 40-metre run.

West Ryde were better value in the second half when Phil Wilcox dummied the ball on to David Wakeling, who scored from a beautiful placement.

- **In the Third Division final replay, Padstow Park beat Earlwood 2-1. K.G.**

ANOTHER "FIRST" TO NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Baumgartner impressed by talent at course

When Leopold Baumgartner agreed to join former national coach Joe Vlasits and John Martin as staff coaches for Northern Districts' first major coaching course at Englefield Stadium during the school holidays he didn't know exactly what to expect.

The course was the first time in Australia that a club has fostered an intensive one-week course, and 24 boys from 14 to 17 years had been hand-picked for the event.

Included in a well-planned programme were such welcome lecturers as Dr. Ivan Davis, David Maclaren, Andy McLaughlin and Roy Pearce, the former top referee.

Said Leo at the conclusion: "From that group of 24 there are at least six that in three or four years Australia won't be able to do without."

These days Baumgartner's even tone comes through a fair bit more Australian than Austrian, but as ever he is not the man to exaggerate.

"We can't carry on properly with Third and Fourth Division players from England when we have such talent to be developed.

"It is our fault that we lose players, and girls and motor-bikes are not as important at dragging them away as people imagine.

"We must know how to use our young players, and ensure every couple of weeks that we teach them more. We must not lose contact."

Terrific set-up

Baumgartner was just as much impressed with the Englefield Stadium facilities:

"No wonder the Australian team trains here. The set-up is terrific!

"Soccer must find more use for this place. It is a disaster that such a ground will only rate a Third Division club.

"What a job for Bill Englefield to build the ground for the district."

Both Leo and prince of goalkeeping coaches Denes Adrigan classed the talent on course as good enough to take on the State under-16 side.

Northern Districts coach Joe Vlasits rated the improvement in his young charges as tremendous.

Vlasits believes that Bill Englefield as patron and local club president Ken Hodgson created a fantastic organisation.

The Gladesville-Hornsby president and secretary, Les Fairclough and Frank Wilson respectively, could not do enough to assist in spite of their onerous end of season Association duties.

David Wardell, one of the men with a high reputation in youth coaching, contributed greatly.

Intensive course

One night per week training will continue as a reinforcement to the ground work put in for the intensive course.

It is likely that a similar course will be planned for the December-January period.

Between Parklea and Dural, given a quickening rate of progress, the day may come when it is more profitable to enter top juniors for a course in Sydney rather than whisking them across the world.

At the very least the preparation could be done here, and the time taken to absorb their English lessons in the big-time atmosphere would be considerably reduced.

— KEITH GILMOUR

MINOR FINALS

Results of last Sunday's Sydney premiership finals:

- APIA 2 (R. Mitchell, I. Radovkinovic) d. Sutherland 0 in third grade.
- Wests 6 (D. O'Callaghan 4, W. Turnbull, D. Jack) d. Hakoah 0 in second grade.
- APIA through the week qualified for the Grand Final by beating Wests 3-2 with goals by A. Smart, Pat Deller and C. Grbvski.

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EUROPEAN TOUR BY QLD. CLUB?

— By JIM COOK —

Lions, the 1973 Queensland premiers may embark on an overseas tour after the end of next season.

This, at least, is the intention of the club's president, John Morcus, who recently left for Europe where he will explore the feasibility and possibility of such a project.

If arrangements can be concluded successfully, Lions would play in Holland, Scotland and several other countries in Europe.

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NEW COMPETITION

A new competition on English FA Cup lines and open to all clubs in the Federation, is likely to be introduced in Brisbane next year.

The matches would be started early next year, continued throughout the season and games would be played alternately on Tuesday and Wednesday nights under lights at Perry Park and the Gabba.

The proposed new competition would fulfil the aims of the Federation in providing a regular night soccer tournament, and the QSF is confident it can find adequate sponsors.

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A new floodlighting system may be installed at Perry Park before the end of this year, and one which would be suitable for night soccer.

A lighting system was recently erected and displayed at Perry Park and viewed by representatives of the Queensland Soccer Federation, the Queensland Cricket Association Trust and the Greyhound Racing Club.

But the lights on show were found to be unsuitable for soccer.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

FIRST DIVISION GRAND FINALS

Hakoah v. Marconi (1st grade) — Sportsground 3 p.m.

Wests v. APIA (2nd grade) — Sportsground 1.15 p.m.
Marconi v. APIA (3rd grade) — Sportsground 11.45 a.m.

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GRANVILLE MAY BOUNCE BACK WITH SPONSOR

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville-Parramatta, the team that won the admiration of Sydney's soccer fans for its gigantic, if unsuccessful, efforts to stave off relegation, is determined to bounce back into First Division in 1975.

And the Magpies, the oldest functioning soccer club in Australia, may return to the elite under another name if certain negotiations now in progress materialise.

During the second leg of the competition there was talk in the Granville camp about a sponsor interested in giving financial backing to the club.

It is understood that negotiations are still in progress, but release of any further details may jeopardise delicate negotiations.

Any agreement is likely to be on lines similar to those South Coast United adopted when it joined with Safeway.

Irrespective of the outcome, however, the Granville Board of Directors will treat the 1974 season as a challenge and will endeavor to take all necessary measures to ensure Granville's return to top company.

The first step towards this aim will be taken when the new soccer committee is appointed soon to examine closely the various problems facing the club.

This small band of men, which is certain to include people closely involved with the running of the team during the season just concluded, will then make recommendations to the Board on the course of action to be taken.

The club is expected to invite applications shortly for the position of 1974 coach.

Constitution

This is to comply with the Granville constitution which stipulates that applications must be called annually for this position and any appointment will only be contracted for one season.

It denotes, of course, that the popular Brian Williamson, who took charge of the impressive do-or-die relegation battle half-way through the season, would not be discarded and will have the chance to re-apply for the coaching position.

Costly misadventure

Looking back in perspective on Granville's one-year stint in First Division, it was a costly misadventure of under-appraisement in terms of both talent and strength.

It may be said that the club was not quite ready for promotion, but grabbed the chance on impulse...

However, despite the long history of the club and its achievements in top soccer, the long spell in Second Division may have slackened the knowledge, vision and the flair for planning required for a successful comeback to the limelight.

Undoubtedly the requirements to stay in First Division in a set-up like Granville's were quite demanding, both on outlay and skills, but, somehow, there was fatal hesitation when the results were not forthcoming.

There could be no suggestion that the administration did not respond to the needs of the team, because despite the strains this sort of financial demand imposes on any organisation the outlay was quite substantial.

In 1973 Granville bought players like goalkeeper Ross Kelly, Ray Gardiner, Ian Raeburn, Tony Edwards, Chris Spilarewicz, Graham Hann, Wim Spiekerman, and several others.

All told they cost the club a tidy sum, near the $25,000 mark.

Too late

Some of the new signings may have come too late into the side and should have been bought once the writing was on the wall much earlier in the season.

The battle to stave off relegation was lost in the first leg of the competition when Granville collected its only point from a draw which they hardly deserved against Croatia.

There was scant technique and method in their play which lacked cohesion, but the main trouble with Granville was that it did not possess the determination to fight and win.

This lack of confidence and low morale were perhaps the legacy of its debacle in the Ampol Cup when all five matches were lost in a disastrous First Division debut.

A good example of this was the first round match against APIA when the Magpies deservedly led 2-1 with only seven minutes to go.

Yet, when APIA piled on the pressure, the Granville defence collapsed like a pack of cards, allowing APIA to draw level and snatch the winning goal all in the space of four minutes.

This will to fight was infused back into the team when Brian Williamson took over after eight rounds.

Williamson was able to call on a better class of players with the addition on loan from England of Stan Marshall and Bob Glozier, who came here on off-season "leave" from Dartford United through arrangements made by former Hakoah player-coach Doug Holden.

Granville also signed about that time midfield grafter Stewart Gilmour, who neatly fitted into the side with some very powerful and skilful displays.

If Granville had reinforced their team earlier, they could well have evaded the predicament that they are now in.

Towards the end of the season they had a fighting outfit capable of holding its own against most teams in the division rather than at the tailend of the ladder.

However, the revival was left far too late and under the intense pressure the team did not really lose the fight but simply failed to halt the inevitable.

There were some good individual performances during the second half of the season.

Ross Kelly, Ray Gardiner, Tony Edwards and Chris Spilarewicz are names that come readily to mind.

Of the forwards only Stan Marshall showed the guile to grab the goals.

The season was a great one for young Tim O'Maye, who held a regular first team spot after being upgraded from the thirds.

He has plenty of talent and he will benefit tremendously from the experience.

Good start

Club officials hope to meet the players soon to sort out their intentions for next season.

If Granville can hold this bunch of players, it will have a good start for another promotion bid next season.

And 1974 should be the last season of "lean" Second Division competitions if present proposals to reduce the First Division competition from 12 to 10 teams are adopted.

On the social front, the Granville Supporters' Club Ltd., which stood behind the soccer team, will expand further next year.

It is hoped that extensions will be built to the clubhouse costing around $150,000 to further improve and enlarge present facilities.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

In the semifinals of the Docherty Cup last week Hakoah 6 (Mandalis 2, Micevski, Wheeler, Gadsby, Clarey) d. Austria 1 (Goodwin) and Alexander 2 (Gibson 2) beat Melbourne 0. JUST beat Juventus 1-0 and Box Hill defeated Slavia 3-2 in deferred games.

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The Dockerty Cup final between Hakoah and Alexander will be played on Sunday at Olympic Park.

The curtain-raiser is the final of the Harry Armstrong Cup.

The State League Cup, to be played between JUST, SM-Hellas, George Cross and Melbourne/or Hakoah, will be staged on Sundays September 30, October 7, 14 and 21.

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Since the inception of the State League in 1958, no promoted side has had such a meteoric jump to the top grade than this year's First Division winners, Mooroolbark.

Formed less than a decade ago, they made quick work of climbing from the Fourth Division to the First Division.

And despite the supremacy of Sunshine City, who hugged the top position for so long this year, Mooroolbark were hell-bent and dedicated in overtaking this club from the Western Suburbs — and succeeded.

Well led by player-coach and captain Brian Edgeley, who had a spell with Balgownie, on the South Coast, the former English professional made a grand personal contribution to his side's promotion by scoring over 20 goals.

As a former Wilhelmina player, Edgeley had more than half a team of former players from the Ringwood side in his Mooroolbark line-up.

It's good for the Eastern Suburbs for Mooroolbark to come up as once again Box Hill are relegated.

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Another player with Sydney experience has led his club to promotion in Melbourne's Metro League.

He is Bobby McLachlan, who started his Australian soccer career 12 years ago with APIA, and who late last year took over as player-coach of Preston-Makedonia, who have won promotion to the First Division.

A good few years ago Makedonia were in the State League, but slipped badly in recent years.

They can thank the far-sighted McLachlan for once again getting back within real striking distance of the State League.

McLachlan assumed full control over team selection and buying of players and got the full support of the Makedonia management on both counts.

He had already "ear-marked" several players who would cost considerable transfer fees from State League clubs, and the club gladly coughed up for players of the calibre of Robin Hayward, from George Cross, and others.

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The ambitious Western District clubs Sunshine City and Albion Rovers both suffered disappointments when pipped for promotion.

Sunshine City, teeming with confidence while occupying the top spot in the First Division for most of the season, were finally overtaken by Mooroolbark and their State League hopes were dashed.

Albion Rovers also held the top spot in the Second Division in the closing stages, but wilted to allow Preston-Makedonia to take the title.

The Albion side almost wholly composed of ex-Hakoah, George Cross and Hellas players, had such noted performers as Hugh Murney as player-coach (ex-Hakoah), Ernie Ackerley (ex-South Melbourne-Hellas) and Tom Clark.

Now that Sunshine City are destined to at least another year in the First Division, don't be surprised if they have overtures for their talented forward Mike Dixey, who only joined them early in the season.

A former English schoolboy international, Dixey has all the talent to make State League soccer in 1974.

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Few Irishmen are gracing the colors of State League soccer these days although George Cross can boast four from the Emerald Isle. Kevin Kelly has been with the club for nearly five years, Norm Maintland joined them last year, Paul Murphy came into the side in the middle of this season, while their most recent capture is Frank McArdle.

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Juventus have probably splashed out most cash on players this season. They bought David Gorrie, from South Melbourne-Hellas, and although they had no transfer fees to pay for the former Croatia pair of Hugh Gunn and Mike Kovacek, it's hardly likely these first team players would sign for peanuts.

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Top players who have disappeared from the soccer scene this season are Nick Van Egmond, the Wilhelmina 'keeper, Ken McDonald, the Melbourne defender, and Marko Fode, the former JUST and Victorian goalie who was with South Melbourne-Hellas. Both Van Egmond and McDonald were in dispute, but Fode quit to concentrate on his milk bar business in the Western Suburbs.

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Much of the credit for the great revival of Alexander this year must go to 'keeper John Kennedy, who has not only given them great service in goal, but it also was through his contacts in Edinburgh — his hometown — that the Bannon brothers, Gillan and Gibson, were brought out to rejuvenate the Alexander side.

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Joe Cunningham, the 21-year-old striker of George Cross, has virtually run away with the State League's top scorer award, finishing the season with a tally of 23 goals for 22 games — the highest for many years. He collects two cash awards as his reward.

— JIM COOK

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ROUSING 1973 GRAND FINAL TO MARCONI

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The old adage of third time lucky came true for Marconi last Sunday when they avenged two straight defeats to beat Hakoah 2-1 in a rousing Grand Final at Sydney Sportsground.

Three proved a lucky number for Marconi indeed.

It was the third consecutive Grand Final win for coach Rale Rasic who also led St. George to victory in the 1971 premiership Grand Final and Marconi to their triumph in last year's interstate championship Grand Final.

And would you believe that Max Tolson's brilliant winning goal from a header came after two unsuccessful attempts to connect with his head from even better scoring positions?

To cap a great day for the Fairfield club, their classy third grade side outclassed APIA 4-0 to also take out their Grand Final.

Marconi deserved their victory over Hakoah.

Their players reached peak form at the right moment and have never played better this season than in their last two matches of the final series.

Marconi's victory robbed Hakoah of a second grand slam, but even their most ardent followers won't dispute Marconi's superiority on the day.

Hakoah's only excuse is that they were compelled to go into the Grand Final without international centre-half John Watkiss and that they were robbed of Ray Baartz' valuable services after 54 minutes.

The crowd last Sunday was 7,085 — better than one had feared in view of the appalling crowds leading up to the Grand Final and the steady rain which didn't desist all afternoon.

Sunday's match pulled the curtain down on the most disappointing club season in Federation history, but, ironically, 1973 could yet be Australian soccer's most glorious year.

A win in the World Cup series against South Korea will make this soccer's greatest year, irrespective of the dismal club scene.

TOP — A spectacular header by Ernie Campbell, one of Marconi's Grand Final heroes last Sunday, creates confusion in the Hakoah defence as teammate Alan Griffiths follows the action and Max Tolson takes a tumble in front of referee Peter Rampley and the partly obscured Jim Davey. BOTTOM — Jubilant Marconi fans chair skipper Ray Richards, also getting a well deserved pat from coach Rale Rasic, at the end of the Fairfield team's 2-1 Grand Final triumph against Hakoah.

World Cup campaign starts in earnest

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia's preparation for the World Cup tie against South Korea starts in earnest this weekend with the first of four warm-up matches leading up to the first leg in Sydney on Sunday, October 28.

Australia will play in Brisbane on Sunday against the Queensland State team, filling in for Colo Colo, who were unable to honor their three-match contract because of the military coup in Chile.

Anyhow, the Chileans, who were contacted finally through FIFA, claim they knew nothing of a proposed tour of Australia!

Let me open a parenthesis here to unstintingly praise the Queensland Federation, which once again has come forward to provide match practice for the national team.

Queensland may have no players in the World Cup squad, but they've certainly played their part in Australia's World Cup campaign.

Les Scheinflug, filling in for Rale Rasic who is in Seoul to watch South Korea's President's Cup games, was taking the following 15 players to Brisbane: **Jim Fraser, Martin Coe, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Col Curran, Ray Richards, Ray Baartz, Jim Mackay, Attila Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Billy Vojtek, Jim Rooney, Max Tolson, John Watkiss.**

Injuries to Tolson and Baartz, however, will probably necessitate the inclusion of two other members of the 27-man preliminary World Cup squad.

Harry Williams and Ernie Campbell will now travel to Queensland for the match.

John Warren is unavailable because he will compete in the "Champion of Champions" competition at Harold Park on Sunday.

The team leaves for Brisbane on Saturday morning and returns on Sunday evening.

Three training sessions are on the squad's program next week and on Monday week, October 8, 22 players will go in camp at the ASF's traditional Wahroonga headquarters.

The national team will play against NSW under-23 at Wentworth Park on Sunday week and against Northern NSW on October 14.

The Socceroos' final warm-up match will be a return game against the young NSW team.

ASF secretary, Brian Le Fevre, who returned from Seoul this week, has booked the Aussies in one of the Korean capital's luxury hotels — the Tokyu, in downtown Seoul.

He also managed to secure a well grassed training ground — a precious commodity in Seoul — but it will take almost a one-hour drive to get there.

In other World Cup news, Dr. Szeps, the NSW Federation doctor, will accompany the Socceroos to South Korea in the absence of Dr. Brian Corrigan, the regular medico, who is unavailable.

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MARCONI v. HAKOAH 2-1

GRAND FINALISTS SCORE THREE CLASSIC GOALS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Beating Hakoah has never been regarded very flippantly this season by Marconi.

But beating them in a Grand Final after losing a dramatic premiership clincher in the last round and being outclassed in the major semifinal only two weeks earlier, perhaps belongs to the realm of unfulfilled dreams.

Or rather it used to, until last Sunday when the all-white clad Marconi did just that in a very exciting game.

Before one goes any further it must be very clearly stated, to dispel any doubt, that Marconi fully deserved their first-ever Grand Final victory.

Apart from scoring two goals, Marconi should have been awarded a penalty in the 50th minute when everyone but referee Peter Rampley must have seen young Greg Lynch trip Raul Carrizo in the area as he was about to shoot at goal.

At 2-1 Marconi never looked likely to lose their grip on the match.

In the final stages Hakoah's game gradually fell apart under the pressure of Marconi's probing.

Marconi never played better than last Sunday, nor have they played more intelligently.

Tactical victory

Theirs was a tactical victory as much as anything else.

In the battle of the coaches, Dave Maclaren came out second best.

Some of it, however, was his own doing as the decision to play Joe Watson and Joe Fletcher in midfield roles, when both are amongst Sydney's most dangerous strikers, was hard to follow.

As a result, the Marconi goal, though under some pressure in the first half, was not all that threatened as Hakoah had to try their luck from a fair way out.

Bill Murray, in great form between the sticks, only had a few short-range shots to contend with all afternoon.

Hakoah's plan of using Murray Barnes and Tom Morrow as their only attacking spearheads facilitated immensely the task of the Marconi defence.

Hakoah played the more attractive football for most of the first half when they combined better than Marconi, but real scoring chances were few and far between.

Even at that stage Marconi looked more dangerous from breakaways because of their ability to mount attacks faster.

Fitter, fresher

At all stages of the match Marconi looked the fitter, fresher side. They also tackled with more conviction and backed up quicker with players interchanging positions right through the game.

The first half was tense, with plenty of "needle" creeping into the game as both teams were desperately trying to break the stalemate.

The second period, which produced three glorious, world-class goals in the space of 15 minutes, provided a better spectacle, equal to any club match seen in Sydney this year.

Hakoah swear they, too, should have been awarded a penalty late in the game when they claim that Richards handled the ball, but from where I sat it looked as though the Marconi skipper copped the ball on the chest.

I have a hunch, however, that even at 2-2 Marconi would have still eventually clinched the winning goal.

They always appeared to have something extra in reserve in attack — a most unexpected departure from their style of play right through the season — whereas the Hakoah forwards were idle for long periods, paiting for a pass, or forced to retreat to get the ball themselves.

Marconi's best

Bill Murray and Ray Richards shone brightest for Marconi.

The Fairfield goalkeeper, under a lot of pressure, especially in the first half, was safe as a house throughout and his coolness inspired confidence to his defence.

Time after time he cut off dangerous crosses and high balls by coming out opportunely to smother or punch the ball out impeccably.

It was easily the former Victorian's finest display in Sydney soccer.

It was only poetic justice that Ray Richards should score the goal that put Marconi on the road to victory.

Soccer World's Player of the Year has quickly adapted himself to his new role of "double stopper" — which, however, did not prevent him from bursting into the attack when the occasion arose.

His tremendous goal was in the classic Richards mould — a goal to be remembered.

Richards' last two club performances have placed him firmly back on his "pre-Iran" pedestal.

Alfredo Moschen was back at his best after several indifferent displays while Milan Mihajlevic, who kept his fiery temper in check this time, was in the thick of everything, "destroying" as well as setting up attacks with fine passes.

Robertson and Roche were not so prominent but both had the measure of their direct opponents.

Max Tolson, apart from scoring the winning goal, like in the 1972 interstate championship final, carried his usual big workload and was literally Marconi's battering ram.

He played a major part in Marconi's win in his first match since Tehran.

Raul Carrizo was not so prominent as against St. George in the preliminary final, but by forcing Hakoah to keep a man on him practically throughout the game, he allowed his team-mates more room to manoeuvre and some of his footwork had class stamped all over it.

Ernie Campbell confirmed his fine current form and will be hard to overlook against South Korea.

He laid on the winning goal with classical elegance and was always a threat when he moved the ball.

Undistinguished Hakoah

Hakoah were a pretty pedestrian, undistinguished lot with few outstanding individual performers on the day.

Martin Coe has nothing to reproach himself though he was at times left groping at high balls.

Jim Davey playing his last Australian match, had immense difficulty holding Carrizo and was utterly and hopelessly outwitted by Campbell for Marconi's second goal.

Fekete worked hard as always, but did not receive much support and Alan Marnoch was solid, if somewhat unspectacular, in his battle royal with Tolson.

Young Greg Lynch acquitted himself quite well in a tough role. Filling in for John Watkiss, he gave a more than creditable display and was definitely not Hakoah's weak spot as some claimed he might be before the match.

Jim Mackay had another mediocre outing, but he was probably unfit as his inclusion in the team had been in doubt all week.

Joe Watson and Joe Fletcher, surprisingly selected to play in the midfield, were rarely seen, while young Barnes was willing enough, but is still too tender to take on a man's job in such an important game.

Ray Baartz, who was injured early in the piece, limped about for 30 minutes and should have been replaced sooner.

Tom Morrow was Hakoah's only dangerous striker. His goal — a brilliant solo effort — was a gem, but he was far too isolated amidst the well marshalled Marconi defence to swing the match Hakoah's way all on his own.

Peter Rampley has refereed better this year, but to his credit he did make sure in the first half that there would be no repetition of the disgraceful scenes of the Marconi - St. George match.

For that we must be grateful.

Details

Marconi: Bill Murray 5, Stuart Robertson 3, Alfredo Moschen 4, Milan Mihajlevic 4, John Roche 3, **Ray Richards 5**, Zoran Brajkovic 4, Ernie Campbell 4, Max Tolson 4, Raul Carrizo 4, Allan Griffiths 3.

Hakoah: Martin Coe 4, Robert Fekete 4, Jim Davey 3, Greg Lynch 4, Allan Marnoch 4, Jim Mackay 3, Joe Watson 3, Joe Fletcher 3, Tom Morrow 4, Ray Baartz (replaced Hilton Silva 54 min.), Murray Barnes 3.

Scorers: Richards 52 min., Tolson 67 min. for Marconi; Morrow 55 min. for Hakoah.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Marconi's Milan Mihajlevic, in the all-white, and Hakoah winger Joe Watson in an all-out sprint last Sunday, but the ball seems to have eluded the pair of them.

Big match highlights

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

FIRST HALF

4 min.: Ray Richard's free kick from deep on the right causes Martin Coe some trouble. He mishandled, but Greg Lynch cleared with his head.

7 min.: Joe Fletcher hits the deck. Peter Rampley gives the free kick, Fletcher is slow to line up the ball, which travels on to Baartz to bash out a high first timer.

9 min.: Mihajlevic shows his style with a glorious pass through the centre after Alan Griffith had cut out Joe Watson with a snappy pass. Lynch cleared by beating Carizzo.

12 min.: Joe Fletcher, up near the left corner flag, switches the ball close in, but Bill Murray has just enough time to gain possession before Morrow swoops.

14 min.: Brajkovic cleverly turns the ball back deep into Hakoah territory after a part clearance.

15 min.: Ray Baartz races in with a left foot half volley. The speculation brings no dividend as the ball rears skyward.

18 min.: Jim Mackay passed across the goalmouth. Danger loomed with Carizzo in place, but Marnoch succeeded in scrambling a corner.

20 min.: Baartz' right leg gets some treatment. Then Martin Coe comes way out to punch clear of Tolson's towering head.

23 min.: It could be a problem for Marconi Max Tolson is down on the floor for attention to his right leg. The signs are that some of the stuffing has been knocked out of him, and he switches to left wing.

26 min.: Marconi's third corner to nil swings out from Zoran Brajkovic. Coe fists away when a catch would have been more appropriate.

30 min.: A free kick to Marconi after Murray Barnes had axed Ray Richards deep in Marconi territory.

33 min.: Mihajlevic sends Campbell galloping away, and Martin Coe sinks low to smother Ernie's shot.

35 min.: Barnes got the yellow warning card earlier, and now Carizzo gets the same treatment.

43 min.: Greg Lynch builds up a nice midfield movement. Ray Baartz' shot is well handled by Murray. Baartz slowly recovers from a nasty but accidental kick to the head.

SECOND HALF

2 min.: The light rain turns heavy, which suits Marconi's tactics admirably. Bob Fekete's free kick caused trouble until Murray fists clear.

MAX TOLSON

3 min.: Murray Barnes "goaled" but it was smartly disallowed.

5 min.: Greg Lynch trips Carizzo in the box, but referee Peter Rampley opts for a goal kick.

7 min.: Ray Richards sees the chance, and it was goal all the way when he snaps his shot in from 22 metres out. MARCONI 1, HAKOAH 0.

8 min.: Ray Baartz' injury causes him to leave the park, and Hilton Silva comes on.

10 min.: Tom Morrow cuts along the right, beats two men and brilliantly angles his shot into goal following a 30 metre run. MARCONI 1, HAKOAH 1.

12 min.: Brajkovic "scores" direct from the corner but the goal is disallowed as Coe was well and truly pushed away from the ball in flight.

18 min.: Stewart Robertson clears well to hold Hakoah at bay.

22 min.: Campbell made his way up the right wing, squaring the perfect ball to the far post. Unmarked Tolson flew high to head the ball home. MARCONI 2, HAKOAH 1.

33 min.: Morrow cuts out Ray Richards close to goal. Robertson just does enough to hold Hakoah out.

37 min.: Fletcher brought down Ernie Campbell just outside the box. Tolson says "inside", but Rampley makes up his own mind. Zoran Brajkovic lobs the free kick, which all but fools Martin Coe.

38 min.: Lynch has a go, but a massed defence holds out the ball.

40 min.: Ray Richards hits the deck when hit in the middle by a Morrow shot. Hakoah claim a penalty...

42 min.: Header by Mackay is saved low by Murray, after a good build up by Barnes.

43 min.: More Hakoah pressure from Morrow and from Silva's header, but Marconi's hero, Billy Murray, is undaunted.

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BALGOWNIE HOPE TO GO ONE BETTER NEXT YEAR

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

"Balgownie is looking forward for another good season in 1974", according to former first grade referee and club president George Naylor.

Naylor announced last week that two players from overseas will be joining the club and several talented local youngsters will be upgraded to reinforce the first grade team next season.

Present youngsters in the side who did so well this year will have benefitted greatly from the experience and hence the optimistic view of the future.

George Ramage, who was a fulltime professional with Scottish and English clubs before he came to Australia some years ago and coached Balgownie this season, will continue in his position in 1974.

"We had a satisfactory season and put up a good effort to win promotion, but we lacked a midfield general who could have come pretty handy in the games that really mattered," Naylor said.

Balgownie finished in second place behind champions Canterbury on 29 points, but the six-point gap which looks as wide as an ocean on paper, hardly does justice to the determined effort and the performances Balgownie displayed in their challenge for promotion.

Traditionally one of the hardest teams to beat in Second Division, particularly down the coast at Balgownie Oval, the Magpies played no-nonsense football and led the competition for most of the way.

Despite the gap, the 1973 season will go down as the closest they've been in taking out promotion.

At one stage in the second leg of the competition Balgownie led by a clear four points, which inflamed their promotion ambitions.

ENTHUSIASM

Riding on the crest of this wave, their football had plenty of enthusiasm and determination which won respect from the opposition.

Yet the team came unstuck halfway through the second round when Manly ripped their morale apart with a shattering 3-1 win at Balgownie Oval.

Balgownie never looked the same after this and as the pressure piled up, their nippy forwards found it increasingly hard to score.

Relying almost entirely on local talent and driven hard by Ramage, Balgownie was easily the most aggressive team in the competition.

They played hard, fast football, clean and exciting to watch, in a direct style that seemed to take the opposition by surprise.

Most of their matches were won by going in for that early goal and once that is achieved, they keep hammering at the opposition for more.

Irrespective of the opposition, Balgownie played attractive, open attacking football throughout the season and never retreated into a nutshell to dish out that boring defensive stuff that turns spectators away.

Their team was a well balanced blend of youth and experience.

Dennis Paterson, Ken McLean, Nigel McGuckin, Errol Freeme and Stephen Davies were the "oldies" in the side that provided the experience.

Sprinkled amongst them were the "babies" like Garry Norris, Garry Freeme, Ross Paterson, John McDonald, Russell Uccles and Gary Naylor, who broke new ice in higher grade football with tremendous credit.

Balgownie was the only soccer team in Federation football to have two sets of brothers playing in the side — the Freemes and the Patersons.

These promising youngsters were "blooded-in" gently at intervals with various degrees of success.

Norris, Ross Paterson, McDonald — who is only 16 years old — left very good impressions behind them and are expected to improve further with experience.

KEY DUO

However, the men who carried the team were the fiery Nigel McGuckin and the evergreen Dennis Paterson, both former Safeway United players.

McGuckin, who finished third highest goalscorer of the division with 16 goals, was one of the most dangerous forwards within range of the posts.

He could have well finished on top but for a six-week spell overseas from mid-April to the end of May when he went back for a visit to Ireland.

Dennis Paterson scored only four goals during the season, but his scheming in setting up goals was invaluable.

In the backs Eddie Hall, Rodney Luck, Ken McLean and Stephen Davies were steady and very few forwards got past them to have a crack at goalkeepers Holbrow and Edwards.

Two youngsters who performed creditably in the first round of the competition were Richard Piec and Steve Royall, both of whom were pulled back into reserves for a spell.

Both must surely be back into calculations next season.

Balgownie lost four games in the second round of the competition and also had three draws.

These setbacks could perhaps be partially attributed to the loss with injury of skipper and left-back Davies, whose last game was against Canterbury.

But, all in all, Balgownie had a good season and perhaps finishing second best is a blessing in disguise as promotion in 1974 would have made intolerable demands on the club.

Light summer training will continue throughout the off-season and full preparation for the 1974 season will start earlier than usual.

Gladesville Ravens are promoted to Division 3

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Gladesville Ravens simultaneously flew into orbit and shattered West Ryde Rovers' dreams of glory with a 3-0 win in the second leg of the Third Division promotion play-off at L. H. Waud Sportsground, Meadowbank, last Saturday.

The Ravens go up from Inter-Suburban football with a wide 6-1 margin as the outcome of Saturday's match and their previous 3-1 win in the first leg.

They replace Concordia, who plummeted down to Inter-Suburban after ending clear last in Third Division.

Saturday's game revealed little difference between the teams in the first half, when Ravens were favored by the breeze.

To Raven's amazement, West Ryde's key man David Zeman stayed in defence in the first half. The expected tactics were for Ryde to throw everything into attack to see if the two goal deficit could be smashed.

By the time Zeman went up Ravens were well in the event. Zeman did everything right, but the balance of the attack were unable to make full use of the opportunities he created.

The other point that favored Gladesville was the blinder played by solid goalkeeper John Seymour.

Bert Wilcox, too, had a great day, moving the ball round unchallenged in midfield and assisting the forwards and midfielders to work off him.

West Ryde made some good chances in the first 20 minutes.

Then in the 37th Bert Wilcox just missed a header for Gladesville; the ball hit the bar and bounced out.

Gladesville kept up the pressure and a minute from halftime Greg Keating netted their first goal from an acute angle after West Ryde 'keeper Col Hodgkiss had lost possession in bouncing the ball after a left wing corner.

Ken McFarlane was the next Gladesville scorer in the 62nd minute.

West Ryde back Glen Birrell missed with a clearance with the marauding MacFarlane following through.

Goalkeeper Hodgkiss came out to clear but miskicked and MacFarlane's reward for following up was the opportunity to sneak the ball into the open net.

West Ryde threw everything into attack although already burdened by a 5-1 deficit.

In so doing they left the rear open and with eight minutes remaining Birrell brought down the speedy Greg Keating illegally in the penalty area, after Ken MacFarlane and Steve Woods had pushed the ball through.

Keating converted for his second goal of the match.

With no chance of reversing matters, West Ryde lost Glen Birrell, who backchatted the referee.

Of the Ravens' victorious side Neil Vale and Ken Butt kept up a well-directed effort throughout the game.

For West Ryde big Phil Wilcox, the one-time high scoring forward with Prague firsts and reserves, gave his usual forceful display.

— KEITH GILMOUR

MINOR GRAND FINALS

Second Grade

Western Suburbs 1 (W. Turnbull) d. APIA 0.

Third Grade

Marconi 4 (P. Sharne, A. Mariani, R. Colusso, W. Williams) d. APIA 0.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Hakoah beat Alexander 1-0 to win their eighth Dockerty Cup last Sunday. Micevski was the scorer in the 75th minute. Attendance at Olympic Park was 6,500.

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JUST have won the 1973 Victorian title. They beat Melbourne 2-1 in a deferred match to clinch the State League championship last Thursday.

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Melbourne Soccer Club announced they had secured the services of Hungarian-born Juan Schwanner, who was a player at one time for four years with Flamengo, of Brazil, and who had coached Colo Colo as well as two other Chilean sides from 1955 to 1961, and was national coach of New Zealand from 1966 to 1969. Schwanner takes over from Alistair Scott, who has been player-coach of the club this season.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Soccer Federation will take place at the Olympia Room, Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne on Thursday October 25, at 8.00 p.m. Retiring president of the VSF, Commander Michael Parker, is not seeking re-election due to business commitments and at this stage there is no real indication who his successor might be although it would be no surprise if Mike Weinstein, the current chairman of the Board of Management, were to stand.

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Kaz Kowalec, who gave great service to Polonia for many years as a player and then had a spell with the club as coach after hanging up his boots, has been playing the Industrial League this year — mainly as a means of keeping fit. Kaz, who has played for Victoria and Australia, is presently building a new home and once it is completed and he gets things into shipshape, he has ideas of returning to the game as a coach.

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Not one player from the victorious under-16 team of 1972 was available for this year's championship in Queensland where Victoria finished in third place. And in view of this, manager, Bill Curran was quite happy with his team's performances although before the squad disbanded for another year he constructively criticised the personal faults and shortcomings of the players, many of whom will step into senior soccer next year. Bill was loud in his praises for the achievements of Northern NSW, who carried off this year's title.

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Brian Healey, the former Juventus defender who has been with Altona City in the First Division for the past three years, is reported to have hung up his boots and retired from the game.

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David Yelland, the youngest of the top grade referees in Victoria, recently cut short a trip back to his native England to come home and get married. David is a chip off the "old block" alright, because his father, George Yelland, was also a top Victorian whistler for many years and is still steeped in many soccer activities in Melbourne.

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Jim Demetrie, one of the founder-members of the Victorian Soccer Federation and a pillar of strength for South Melbourne-Hellas for many years, is back on deck again as mine host of the Canada Club Hotel in the City after an illness. Jimmy, whose place is a haven for many soccer identities, is a life member of the VSF.

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Andrew Mizewra has just completed his first full season as a first team regular for Polonia after being groomed as a boy with the club's junior sides. A promising defender, his talents are not only confined to the soccer field. He is studying aerodynamics at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

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Following a recent special meeting of the State League Management Committee it was decided to retain the status-quo for next season despite a move which failed to find sufficient support to increase the set-up from 12 to 16 clubs. But a suggestion made at the meeting to change the State League Cup, which presently permits only the "top four" to play-off for this competition and would be changed to allow all 12 clubs the right to take part, was favorably received and the idea could be put forward and possibly passed as a motion later this year.

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Billy Haspias, the promising young South Melbourne-Hellas defender, recently returned from a trip to Greece and is likely to be available for selection for his club in their State League Cup matches.

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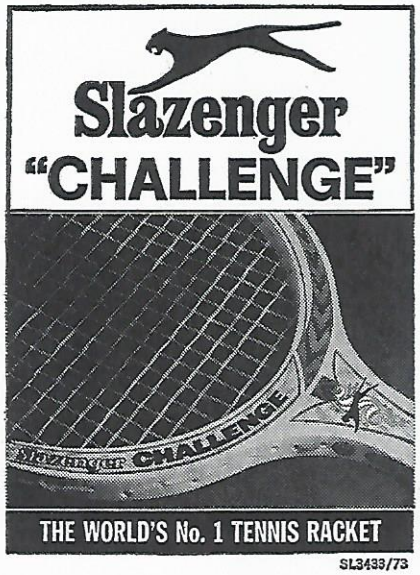
The veteran Syd Steele, who has been a strictly one-club player for Wilhelmina since he arrived from Scotland a decade ago, could count his first team appearances on one hand for the Ringwood side this year. But since he was recalled about five weeks ago he has proved a revelation and the fact that he is far from finished by scoring five goals in their last three games.

— JIM COOK



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FIRST DIVISION CLUBS REVISITED

AUBURN FADED BADLY AFTER GREAT START

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Very few teams in recent years promised so much early in the season and finished up giving so little at the end, as Auburn did this season.

An Ampol Cup semifinalist on the eve of the competition in March, Auburn was hailed as one of the teams to beat this season and this reputation was gained on some very impressive performances which left them poised for a grand season.

Their no-nonsense, direct approach to the game, coupled with their enthusiasm and speed upset many of their more fancied opponents in the early stages.

Under the stringent coaching of Tommy Anderson, Auburn was well prepared and was one of the most conditioned teams early in the season.

Their fitness, combined with tremendous determination and a never-say-die attitude, made them potential semifinalists after some stirring performances.

However, untimely decisions and a set of circumstances prevented Auburn from living up to expectations and after a successful first round they went tumbling down the ladder, stopping just ahead of the "weakies" Sutherland and Granville.

IMPRESSIVE

After losing only 1-2 to champions Hakoah in a thrilling Ampol Cup semifinal, Auburn started the competition as predicted — very impressively — with first round wins against APIA, Safeway, Granville and Pan Hellenic and draws against St. George, Wests and Marconi.

After seven rounds they were the only unbeaten team in the league.

But a string of injuries, which hit several players including ace striker Billy Rogers, keeping him on the sidelines for weeks on end, forced Auburn to account for earlier mistakes.

For instance, when the team was roaring with confidence in the early stages, they transferred Taylor, Chris Spilarewicz and Harry Selfridge to Granville.

They also parted with stopper Frank Brady whom they transferred to Croatia.

Financially these were rewarding transactions for Auburn, but as they found out later, their iron defence was never the same.

This, added to the abrupt departure of Tommy Anderson just before the first round was completed, created problems which proved insurmountable.

Only the brilliant play of John McDonald, who had an outstanding season, kept the side together towards the end when all the enthusiasm started to wear thin.

McDonald, who won the 1973 Rothman's Medal, worked tirelessly in midfield and Auburn's success depended heavily on his scheming and ability to turn defence into attack.

The reported $7,000 paid by St. George a few weeks ago for his services next year is good value for a player of his calibre.

But although McDonald's contribution was large, Auburn possessed other individual talents.

Billy Rogers, who missed many games through injury this season, proved that he is one of the game's best strikers in the air.

The Auburn attack was built around him and he cherished those long balls from the flanks which he rocketed off his head into the corner of the net with incredible accuracy.

When he clicked, so did Auburn.

STUBBORN

In defence, the unyielding and stubborn Les Hucker was once again a force to be reckoned with, as despite his big bulk he was extremely mobile and effective.

Of the others, Andy Tracey showed plenty of talent on the left flank and newcomer Alex McMillan displayed promise while Frank Malone gave some outstanding performances, but these were few and far between in 1973.

Dave Keddie, transferred from Hakoah halfway through the season, never quite clicked with his new team and may regret the move.

The departure of McDonald and the expected moves by Rogers and Hucker will certainly create problems for Auburn next season.

Maybe the three-month visit of Auburn's secretary Brian Leonard to Europe could result in much needed reinforcements for 1974.

LEICHHARDT CLUB CAN REVIVE PAN HELLENIC

— By LOU GAUTIER —

As a coach with Enmore, whom he helped promote to Second Division, John Kalageros knew little else but success, but in one season with Pan Hellenic he experienced all the misery he had avoided up till then.

Kalageros' troubles lasted all season as his team seldom lifted itself above the bottom of the ladder and barely created a ripple on the local club scene in 1973.

The hapless Kalageros inherited all of the problems of his predecessor, Joe Vlasits, plus the added disadvantage of no longer having that great servant of the club, George McCulloch, to regulate Pan Hellenic's midfield.

Under the circumstances he did as well as could be expected and by finishing in ninth place Pan Hellenic occupied an end of season position which reflected their strength this year.

There were far too many nondescript players in the first grade squad to aim any higher.

To add to Hellenic's misery, just when they seemed to be improving, Raul Blanco, their best buy of the season, was forced to sit out three matches, which they promptly lost, relegating the club well down the ladder after nine points had been amassed in the first nine league matches.

McCulloch missed

The loss of McCulloch, coupled with the absence of Hignett in first grade, seriously weakened the Hellenic defence, which had to rely on several young players right through the season.

The forward line, where Agenor Muniz proved a more than useful acquisition, fared little better despite another great season by Dave Harding.

I am convinced that Harding would have already achieved representative honors if he had the right sort of players besides him.

Pan Hellenic can only look back on three satisfying results this season.

They played their best football of 1973 to deservedly beat St. George, against whom they somehow always do well at Hurstville, 2-0 in the second round.

Against the Saints we saw something of the Pan Hellenic spirit and mobility which a few years back more than compensated for their relative lack of technique.

Safeway were next to fall to an in-form Pan Hellenic, who trounced them 4-0 at Wentworth Park.

Then four rounds from the end, the team gallantly held champions Hakoah to a 0-0 draw in a deferred match under lights at Marks Field.

In the first round, Hakoah had been a trifle lucky to win 2-1 as were Marconi to register the same score in an incident-packed game at Wentworth Park when both Ray Richards and coach Kalageros were set upon by a handful of irresponsible spectators.

In the final game of the season Pan Hellenic, by then getting something of a second wind, dashed APIA's semifinal hopes by drawing 1-1 with them.

Harding best

Dave Harding was by far Hellenic's outstanding performer this season; in fact he WAS many times over Pan Hellenic.

The South American pair of Muniz and Blanco were worthwhile additions, the ex-Hakoah winger adding a welcome touch of creativity to a stereotyped forward line and the Argentinian veteran showing he is still a master in reading a game of football and a steadying influence in the midfield.

Of the defenders, young goalie Gary Meir failed to confirm the promise he showed in 1972 and lost his place to loyal club man Tony Maglis.

The pick of the defence was clearly the talented young Richie Bell, an outstanding prospect, who acquitted himself with the coolness and maturity of a veteran.

David O'Connor hit the First Division with a flurry of goals, coming from nowhere to take the lead for many weeks in the goalscoring list before fading into oblivion.

Newcomers from Britain, Paddy Buckley and Stowell, who joined the club in the second round, were just so-so.

Pan Hellenic again lost support this year — to such an extent that it is no longer amongst the top five best supported clubs in Sydney!

But the signs of better things to come are clearly there and the club may soon start on the road to recovery.

New president George Kefalas, a very successful businessman, was quick to see that salvation lied in the purchase of the club's very own social club.

No sooner said than done, and Pan Hellenic now have a home they call their own — at Leichhardt.

This could be the launching pad for a Pan Hellenic revival, maybe not next year, but in, say, two seasons from now when finance will be readily available to woo back those thousands of missing Greek spectators with a team they can be proud of.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The final and decisive round (3rd) of the State League Cup is played off this Sunday at Olympic Park as a double-header and the two sides in first and second of the round-robin will meet in the final the following Sunday.

This Sunday's fixtures are: Hakoah v. JUST, George Cross v. SM-Hellas.

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Polonia have fielded the biggest complement of Australian-born players in their senior side of all the State League clubs this season despite the fact that most of them have "foreign"-sounding names. Ron Horfinak, Bernard Klimecki, Marian Jaworski, Johnny Dykun and Peter Grey are all fair dinkum Aussies while Mick Olinowski and Eddie Marmur, another two long-serving first team regulars, came to this country as babes.

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Alexander, who have sported one of the strongest sides in State League soccer in the second half of the season mainly through the addition of imports Vince and Pat Bannon, George Gillan and Ian Gibson and who are likely to gain more imports from Scotland before the 1974 season opens, could also have a couple of "old hands" back in their line-up in the near future. Reports suggest that defender Peter Selfe, who joined the Victorian Police three years ago and has not been in the game since, could be available again as well as winger-cum-striker Bonnie Brown, who returned to Scotland well over a year ago.

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Juventus, who have been struggling most of the season and could do no better than finish 10th in the State League, gained some minor consolation by winning the State League Reserve title when they finally finished ahead of Hakoah, the early favorites.

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No Metropolitan League club has won the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup since 1965 when St. Albans-Olympic turned up trumps.

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Alan Villers, the former long-serving State League player with Hakoah and then Wilhelmina, and who has been with Metropolitan League club Ferntree Gully for some time, has returned to Scotland and it's not known if he will return. Villers gave almost a decade of service between Hakoah and Wilhelmina in State League soccer.

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A few State League clubs have their eye on Hugh Donnelly, the talented midfielder of Albion Rovers now promoted to the First Division. Donnelly, a good class Glasgow junior of the Billy McArthy mould, played a few games for Croatia before they were expelled.

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Box Hill, who recently played hosts on the field and socially to Tassie side South Hobart, are likely to visit the Apple Isle next year and have been assured of a warm welcome.

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One of the most under-rated and most promising young strikers in State League soccer this season has been 18-year-old Ron Horfinak, of Polonia. This player could be a real hit if the club could bring in an experienced player of the calibre of their former stars Vic Janczyk, Edmund Zientara or Ed Jankowski.

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Well-informed reports suggest that the reason that ace defender Bob Dobbing was missing from the Melbourne team in their last few games of the season was over money matters which the club was not prepared to accede to. Dobbing, who broke his leg twice within a year with Melbourne, has just this season returned back from a spell to England where he originally played with Coventry City reserves. One of the outstanding defenders in State League soccer and still only 24, I feel sure Melbourne and Dobbing will get together before the start of the 1974 season.

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Although South Melbourne-Hellas finished in a very respectable position on the league ladder (3rd), their big following is not going into raptures over their performances and results. For one thing they feel that Hellas at the start of the season and well into the league program gambled too much with young and immature players. Another sore with many of the Greeks is that they felt the club was too quick in trying to off-load top striker David Gorrie, who was at variance with the club and eventually transferred to Juventus.

— JIM COOK

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Indonesians in January

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A welcome New Year bonus is assured for fans when the star-studded Indonesian Djakarta Select combination tours NSW in mid-January.

Ten internationals, including Iswadi, Ronny Pasla, Sarman Panggabean, Waskito and Abdul Kadir, all of whom received such a warm reception from Sydney's World Cup crowds last March, will tour.

The team represents Persija — the Jakarta Football Bund — Indonesia's premier football organisation.

The tour has been arranged by Western Suburbs club, reciprocating the hospitality extended to them on their recent Indonesian tour.

Garuda Indonesian Airlines and Travelodge have greatly assisted the promotion.

Although the tour comes on in the closed season, there is plenty of room for the promotion, which is already capturing the imagination of the country fans.

Newcastle's representative squad is in training, and their officials were delighted to participate.

Safeway official Trevis Birch told us that the club was overjoyed at the chance to put more international football on at Woonona, and predicted a great house for the game.

With big crowds attending Pan Hellenic's trials, the Greek community is sensing the chance to observe the team's chance of 1974 success.

Club officials tip a 6,000 minimum turn-up at their game.

The itinerary will be:

- Wed. Jan. 9, v. Safeway at Woonona.
- Fri. Jan. 11, v. Northern NSW at Crystal Palace.
- Sun. Jan. 13, v. Western Suburbs in Sydney.
- Wed. Jan. 16, v. Pan Hellenic in Sydney at night.
- Sat. Jan. 19, v. ACT in Canberra.

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SPECIAL NOTE: Next Friday, November 23, DISCO NIGHT with the ROCK GROUP SLIK. Disc Jockey: PSYCHEDELIC.

VICTORIA'S 1974 HONORS LIST

— By JIM COOK —

Here are the winners of Victoria's main soccer honors for 1973:

- Ampol Cup — Melbourne.
- State League — JUST.
- Dockerty Cup — Hakoah.
- State League Cup — George Cross.
- Promoted to State League — Mooroolbark.
- Relegated to First Division — Box Hill.
- Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup — Polonia.
- State League Reserve Champions — Juventus.
- Canberra TV Awards (First four sides on State League ladder):
  - JUST — $1,000.
  - George Cross — $500.
  - SM-Hellas — $250.
  - Hakoah — $150.
- Canberra TV Award (Top State League scorer): Joe Cunningham (George Cross) — $100 (23 goals).
- Rothman's Medal winner — Vince Bannon (Alexander).
- Bill Fleming "Best and Fairest" — Frank Micic (JUST).
- Federation Cup-Winners — Preston Makedonia.
- Promoted to First Division — Preston Makedonia & Albion Rovers.
- Relegated to Second Division — Springvale & Yallourn.
- Promoted to Second Division — North Carlton & Newport.
- Relegated to Third Division — Heidelberg & Coburg.
- Promoted to Third Division — Essendon & Doveton.
- Relegated to Fourth Division — South Yarra & Sandringham.
- Provisional League Champions — Frankston Pines.
- Best and fairest First Division player — Ian Hynds (Altona City).
- Best and fairest Second Division player — Bobby Malcolm (Coburg).
- Best and fairest Third Division player — Bill Tyrikos (North Carlton).
- Best and fairest Fourth Division player — John Humphreys (Mornington).
- Best first season State League player — Mick Micevski (Hakoah).
- Best State League import of 1973 — Vince Bannon (Alexander).
- Most improved State League player — Norm Maintland (George Cross).

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GUTS SAVES OUR NECK IN SEOUL

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again their self-assured, combative selves, holding on to their precious draw in the stadium that had never yet seen an Australian defeat.

In the end, the 2-2 draw looked fair and equitable — though Australia had, apart from the goals, four good scoring chances to the mere two by the Koreans.

The quality of the match, apart from the drama and passions involved, stayed around the average mark.

There was little truly skilled football — but in this type of match it's a rare commodity indeed.

The Koreans, after their highly polished and disciplined Sydney display, must have disappointed their fans.

They became intoxicated too soon and too deeply in the first half, after their lucky two goals.

Korean blunder

Once their concentration was broken and their rehearsed pattern of play started to malfunction, they had no choice but to "mix it" with the fighting Australians.

In this department, Australia held the upper hand. As the game progressed, so grew their confidence.

The Australian midfield started to string together pretty good moves while the defence, so maddeningly shaky in the first half, solidified as though turned into steel in the Seoul furnace.

Having paid rich tribute to the guts and stamina of the Australians, one is perhaps allowed to mention some of the team's weaknesses.

Our passing, especially in the first half, was woefully weak: 31 clear-cut Australian passes went to the opposition in the first 45 minutes and 21 in the second half.

Curran and Rooney were the main culprits in this department, each with 10 balls given away; none of the others went over five in their individual tally.

Once again, mainly in the first half hour, our positional off-the-ball play was poor.

Time and again Abonyi, Buljevic or Baartz had to hold on to the ball and risk being caught in possession because there was precious little support forthcoming.

No wings

The flanks were largely neglected as the twin strikers, Abonyi and Buljevic, lurked mainly in the middle and even the second wave, coming up behind them, preferred to try their luck in the overcrowded centre.

Curran's great run on the left wing, resulting in our first goal, showed just what a splendid weapon a true winger could be — if we had one, let alone two.

The defence took a long time to blend and settle down; Utjesenovic had a poor game while even the usually unruffled Richards and Wilson came close to giving away own goals.

Schaefer had a handful in the very tall Korean striker and it was an amazing gamble on Rasic' part to keep him in his shadow for the full 90 minutes.

This one decision alone could have ended our World Cup run . . .

If there was one factor one could single out as the key to our partial success and great comeback, it must have been the high work-rate of the four midfielders.

Led by Richards and Rooney, Mackay and Baartz were slaving merrily in the vital midfield, preventing a repetition of the Sydney happening where the Koreans gained control of this critical no-man's land.

It was a brilliant move on Rasic's part and the players rose to their task.

Wilson tops

Obviously, the two lone strikers were the ones who had to suffer the consequences — but the tactics paid off and Rasic must have felt vindicated.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a more detailed assessment of the players.

However, the way it appeared to me on my set, Peter Wilson was our best man in Seoul: his coolness, strength and remarkably good distribution — only three bad passes — contributed largely to a great second half display by the team.

Fraser, apart from his horrible blunder before the first goal, played well; Schaefer and Curran were above average but Utjesenovic was floundering badly.

Richards, until his injury in the 78th minute, was the most useful midfielder.

Rooney ran his lungs out but had little to show for it; the rich praise he earned from TV co-commentator Tom Anderson, his own club coach, was somewhat baffling.

Baartz was mixing it throughout and had a much better game than in Sydney; Mackay was mainly seen in a defensive role.

The two strikers were abandoned most of the game. Both had some fine touches and Buljevic scored a great and immensely valuable goal but neither played really well, while Alston joined the fray too late to make his presence felt.

The Dutch referee gave a faultless display. However, just for the record: he finished the second half precisely 15 seconds too soon, possibly feeling that poetic justice had been served by the two combatants and any fluke goal in the dying seconds of the match would mar what was really a most enjoyable, epic battle.

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The 1973 Season Reviewed

THE ALL-TIME STANDINGS

Sydney's "Big Four" are very close to one another on the all-time First Division table.

For instance, only six decimal points separate APIA (2nd) from St. George (4th).

The lead has been taken over by Marconi, whose average placing gives them a quotient of 3.75.

However, this may be slightly misleading as Marconi's figures cover only a very brief period — four years — while their opponents have been enjoying their ups and downs since 1957 and 1959.

The table below shows all the placings of 1973's First Division teams over the years.

By adding up these placings and dividing it with the number of starts, you can gain a team's "quotient" or average placing.

For years, Prague led the parade, until they began to slip. At the end of 1972, when they were relegated, their quotient stood at the still impressive 5.18.

Sutherland are nothing, if not consistent: twice they have finished 11th in the championship.

So far, only APIA, Hakoah St. George and Safeway have won first places.

Hakoah have not been out of the first four since 1967, St. George since 1968 though the Saints' third place this year is their worst effort since then.

	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	Average (last year in bracket)	Place** (last year in bracket)
St. George	—	—	11	6	7	1	6	2	2	3	2	11	2	2	2	1	3	4.06 (4.14)	4 (2)
Marconi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	2	2	3.75 (4.33)	1 (4)
APIA	9	8	2	2	6	3	2	1	3	1	1	3	4	7	8	3	5	4.00 (3.93)	2 (1)
Hakoah	6	5	4	9	3	2	9	7	6	2	5	1	3	1	1	4	1	4,05 (4.25)	3 (3)
Yugal	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	5	4	8	9	8	11	3	4	5	7	6.41 (6.36)	8 (9)
Auburn	2	3	6	4	9	9	12	—	—	—	—	—	10	6	9	6	10	7.16 (6.54)	10 (10)
Pan Hellenic	—	—	—	—	4	7	4	6	9	5	4	2	6	8	10	7	9	6.23 (6.00)	7 (7)
Safeway	—	1	3	11	10	8	3	3	1	4	11	7	1	11	5	8	6	5.31 (5.80)	5 (6)
Wests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9	4	5.33 (6.00)	6 (7)
Croatia	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	9	7	7	3	5	7	4	7	10	8	7.09 (7.00)	9 (11)
Sutherland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11	11.00 (11.00)	11 (12)
Granville	10	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	11.33 (11.00)*	12 (—)

* On 1957-58 figures.

** Fifth place is missing — this would be Prague's.

OUR SHRINKING ATTENDANCES

CROWDS TAKE A BIG TUMBLE

The First Division Sydney championship in 1973 attracted the smallest crowds since 1959.

The 22 rounds were only watched by 262,512 people — for a weekly average attendance of 11,932 spectators.

The corresponding figures for 1972 — not a vintage year by a long shot — were 360,476 for the league and 16,384 a week.

Championship crowds were down almost 30 percent — a slump which was more than confirmed in the finals, which attracted the smallest-ever Federation crowds to the semifinal, preliminary final and grand final.

The pathetically small crowds were all the more surprising because the championship this year was the closest, most open on record, with the issue only settled in the very last round.

It was only fitting that the season's biggest club crowd — 9,000 — watched the title-clincher between Marconi and Hakoah at Bossley Park.

APIA and Marconi, like in 1972, were the top drawcards, but their total attendances were embarrassingly small all the same.

Pan Hellenic, only third last year, fell further behind in the spectator stakes in 1973 when a mere 46,600 watched their league games.

Only one club — Safeway — drew more people than the previous year, but only a tiny fraction more.

No one will be surprised that the least supported clubs were the five "Australian" district clubs . . .

This is the number of spectators who watched the 22 championship matches played by the First Division clubs in 1973, with the corresponding figures for last year in brackets:

APIA: 64,800 (98,000)
Marconi: 62,300 (81,500)
Hakoah: 61,800 (71,700)
St. George: 53,200 (67,300)
Yugal: 50,700 (71,000)
P. Hellenic: 46,600 (79,500)
Croatia: 44,400 (63,300)
Safeway: 43,800 (43,500)
Sutherland: 35,100 (44,900)
Wests: 29,000 (35,900)
Auburn: 27,000 (31,700)
Granville: 24,000 (Div. II)

PLAYERS SENT OFF

THE ORDER OF THE "SIN BIN"

Sixteen players received the "Order of the Early Shower" or "Sin Bin" in this season's Sydney First Division competition, an increase of five on 1973.

Two of these cases were adjudged to involve mistaken identity, leaving a net 14.

This incidentally is the average number of send-offs for the last four premierships.

Kicking/striking offences claimed eight "victims", and foul language another four.

Butting and misconduct accounted for one player each.

For the second season running crowd incidents were noteworthy by their virtual absence, a situation that should be a compulsory ingredient of football from here on.

Yugal-Prague had four send offs, with Wests, Safeway and Marconi next on two.

David Allison (Safeway) had the "distinction" of two send-offs in the one year, as did Tom Mihajlovic (Yugal).

These were the first double dismissals in the one season over the last four years.

One player received a three-match suspension, two received two matches and one a single game.

Four received a two-match suspended sentence and four received one match.

Progressive totals for dismissals per club over four full seasons of premiership play are: Yugal-Prague (including Yugal) 10, Marconi 8, Auburn, Safeway (including South Coast) 5, APIA, Canterbury (two seasons), Pan Hellenic, Croatia, Wests (two seasons) 3, Melita (one season), St. George, Sutherland (two seasons) 2, Granville (one season), Hakoah 1.

Players who tangled with referees this year were:

K. Lindsay (Wests);
D. Allison (Safeway) twice;
T. Mihajlovic (Yugal) twice;
S. Velkovski (Yugal);
A. Ainslie (Wests);
M. Mihajlevic (Marconi);
T. Edwards (Granville);
D. Mackay (Sutherland);
Z. Trkulja (Yugal);
M. Wright (Marconi);
R. Taylor (Auburn);
D. Smith (Croatia).

Possibly the Federation could consider that five cautions mean that a player suffers an automatic match penalty.

Whilst there is a difference between straight technical breaches such as handling the ball and more serious offences, a player who is worth his salt should be capable of keeping below five such misdemeanors.

After all, some can stay within the law throughout their entire careers.

As it is, some players develope the questionable habit of going back into their shell as soon as they cause trouble until they receive a caution, thus staying on the park.

If five cautions meant one week on the line then they might find it prudent to play the ball rather than concentrating on how much they can get away with.

Watkiss' 16 years

John Watkiss is Sydney First Division soccer's longest-serving player.

The Hakoah stalwart appeared in his 16th season in 1973, and on current form there's every chance he could complete 20 years in Division One.

JOHN WATKISS

In 1973 John Watkiss played in all 22 league games, won the Ampol Cup and the championship with his club and made a triumphant return to the national team at the age of 32.

In an illustrious career with Canterbury (1958—63), APIA (1964—67) and Hakoah (since 1968), he has won every local honor and competition.

No player in the history of the code in Australia has a richer record.

One of John Watkiss' most fabulous records, which may never be broken, is his tally of five goals in APIA's 1964 7-2 Grand Final win against St. George.

HELP LEGACY all the year round

Top three players in each position

Based on our weekly points, awarded to every First Division player in each championship round, we have listed the top three in each position in the 1973 league.

This year, however, we categorised players on the numbers worn on their shirts, and not by their positions on the field as nomenclature and numbering are still deplorably not uniform in Sydney soccer.

Three players this year retained their number one spot of 1972 — Ray Richards, John Warren and Ray Baartz.

Baartz has been the top player in his position every year since he joined Hakoah from Newcastle in 1967.

The top three in each position in the 1973 championship were:

GOALKEEPER (No. 1)
1 **J. Fraser (St. George)**
2 M. Coe (Hakoah)
3 A. Maher (Sutherland)

No. 2
1 **R. Fekete (Hakoah)**
2 C. Curran (Wests)
3 S. Trkulja (Yugal)

No. 3
1 **P. Wilson (Safeway)**
2 A. Moschen (Marconi)
3 A. Gray (Wests)

No. 4
1 **G. Kinnell (Marconi)**
2 J. Watkiss (Hakoah)
3 F. Brady (Croatia)

No. 5
1 **A. Marnoch (Hakoah)**
2 I. Rudic (Yugal)
3 G. Tuckerman (Safeway)

No. 6
1 **R. Richards (Marconi)**
2 J. Stoddart (St. George)
3 G. Walker (Safeway)

No. 7
1 **J. Watson (Hakoah)**
2 G. Blues (APIA)
3 J. Doyle (Croatia)

No. 8
1 **R. Baartz (Hakoah)**
2 R. Blanco (Pan Hellenic)
3 W. Frazer (Granville)

No. 9
1 **J. Warren (St. George)**
2 D. Harding (P. Hellenic)
3 J. McDonald (Auburn)

No. 10
1 **J. Rooney (APIA)**
2 W. Hamilton (St. George)
3 A. Ainslie (Wests)

No. 11
1 **B. Vojtek (Croatia)**
2 A. Tracey (Auburn)
3 T. Butler (APIA)

To refresh your memory, the "Team of the Year" in 1972 was: R. Corry (Croatia), S. Trkulja (Yugal), N. Boskovski (Yugal), M. Schaefer (St. George), C. Bennett (Sutherland), R. Richards (Marconi), A. Abonyi (St. George), E. Campbell (Marconi), J. Warren (St. George), R. Baartz (Hakoah), T. Butler (APIA).

Sydney Club Championship

HAKOAH	301
APIA	293
WESTERN SUBURBS	283
MARCONI	269
ST. GEORGE	251
CROATIA	199
AUBURN	194
SAFEWAY UNITED	191
YUGAL-PRAGUE	191
PAN HELLENIC	176
SUTHERLAND	165
GRANVILLE	135

N.B. The Club Championship is determined by a formula whereby

- 1st grade points are multiplied by 5
- 2nd grade points are multiplied by 3
- 3rd grade points are multiplied by 2

and the clubs' respective totals in each grade are added.

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The 1973 Season Reviewed

MARCONI, SAINTS USED THE LEAST PLAYERS

Marconi and St. George-Budapest used the least players during the 1973 championship when 18 appeared in first grade.

Champions Hakoah fielded 24. Only Sutherland and Granville used more players during the championship.

Sutherland easily had the most "ever-presents" — seven of their players appeared in all 22 league games.

Every club had at least one player who played in every championship match.

Those were the First Division first grade appearances in 1973:

APIA

T. Butler	**22**
Rooney	**22**
Russell	**22**
Keith	20
McQuire	20
Ollerton	19
McArthur	18
Bakaric	17
M. Clarke	17
Pollard	17
Blues	16
McGhee	13
Callaghan	10
Deller	9
Cudek	6
Dal Forno	6
McGovern	3
McMillan	3
Fuzes	2
Smart	2

AUBURN

Lawson	**22**
McDonald	21
Malone	20
McMillan	20
Stewart	19
Tracey	19
Barnes	18
Menzies	17
R. Taylor	17
Rogers	17
Hucker	16
Hughes	11
Keddie	11
Sidey	10
Gibson	7
Williamson	7
J. Butler	5
Leek	3
Parker	3
Brady	1
Spilarewicz	1
Ramsay	1

CROATIA

Corry	**22**
M. Harris	**22**
D. Smith	**22**
Vojtek	**22**
Doyle	21
Nixon	21
Yaager	21
Sullivan	17
Wignall	17
Brady	16
Whalley	10
Babic	9
Susa	9
Danayevits	7
Kenny	6
Stewart	6
Ackerley	5
Page	4
Huntley	3
Clark	1
Knight	1
Lapic	1
Santoro	1
Zukic	1

GRANVILLE

T. Edwards	**22**
Spilarewicz	21
W. Frazer	20
Gardiner	20
O'Maye	20
Hann	17
Gilmour	15
Glozier	12
Marshall	12
Selfridge	12
Kelly	11
Van Blerk	11
R. Wilson	11
Spiekerman	10
B. Taylor	10
Di Santi	9
Vrolyks	9
Mellish	6
Bijkerk	5
Grubba	5
Raeburn	5
B. Brown	2
Williams	2
Lee	1
Northcote	1
O'Neil	1
Watson	1

HAKOAH

Marnoch	**22**
Watkiss	**22**
Fletcher	21
Baartz	19
J. Mackay	19
Coe	18
Fekete	18
De Melo	15
Silva	14
J. Watson	13
Bibby	9
Morrow	9
G. Brown	8
Davey	7
Keddie	7
Rutherford	7
Walsh	7
M. Barnes	6
MacNamee	6
Nuttridge	6
Coton	3
Mullen	2
S. O'Connor	2
Lynch	1

MARCONI

E. Campbell	**22**
Richards	**22**
A. Griffiths	21
Moschen	21
Tolson	21
Brajkovic	20
Kinnell	20
Robertson	20
Burns	16
Murray	14
Mihajlevic	13
Samuel	13
Roche	11
Wright	11
Rorke	10
Carrizo	9
Byrne	5
B. Jones	1

PAN HELLENIC

Bell	**22**
Harding	**22**
Izatt	**22**
Barbouttis	21
Muniz	21
Blanco	18
Culledon	17
Maglis	17
Fieldhouse	16
Magill	14
O'Connor	14
Buckley	12
Stowell	12
Palmer	8
Blankin	7
Meir	7
Barr	6
Cairns	2
Venables	2
P. Clarke	1
Povey	1
Tansley	1

SAFEWAY

P. Wilson	**22**
Alston	21
Burnett	21
Fryer	21
Roberts	21
Glover	20
McKinnon	19
Gleeson	18
Tuckerman	17
Walker	14
Dodd	13
Allison	10
Dunlop	8
Thompson	7
Bingham	6
McGrotty	6
Piggott	6
Donovan	3
Goodfellow	3
Stewart	2
Hurley	1

ST. GEORGE

Abonyi	**22**
J. Fraser	**22**
G. Harris	**22**
Warren	**22**
Denton	21
Hamilton	21
Stoddart	21
Utjesenovic	21
Herron	19
Juhasz	17
H. Williams	16
B. Harris	9
Schaefer	7
Grosse	6
Hogg	6
N. Morgan	6
Treasure	6
Kaslar	1

SUTHERLAND

Bennett	**22**
Darvill	**22**
Lavin	**22**
D. Mackay	**22**
Maher	**22**
S. Perry	**22**
Trail	**22**
Wykes	21
G. Clarke	14
Cacciola	12
Byrne	10
Degney	10
Bourke	9
Cockburn	9
McKnight	9
P. Smith	7
McLoughlin	5
Bright	3
R. Griffiths	2
R. Perry	2
Woods	2
Bramson	1
F. Campbell	1
Jordan	1
L. Smith	1

WESTERN SUBURBS

Ainslie	**22**
Eaton	**22**
Curran	21
Moores	20
T. Smith	20
Bacon	19
Byles	19
Turner	18
Gray	17
Edmonds	15
Ferguson	15
Lindsay	14
O'Callaghan	10
Hargreaves	8
Smyth	7
Guildea	5
Radcliffe	5
G. Smith	4
Jack	3
Davidson	2
Madeschi	1
McCallum	1

YUGAL-PRAGUE

J. Alagich	**22**
Tuinman	**22**
Waters	**22**
Rootsey	19
Rudic	19
Trkulja	19
Velkovski	19
Boskovski	18
Mihajlovic	17
Takac	15
Ile	12
Serdarevic	11
Harcombe	10
Blacker	8
Rutherford	8
S. McDonald	6
Selvage	6
Nacinovic	3
M. Alagich	2
Simpson	2
Weir	2

FOOT-TENNIS ON MONDAY

St. George-Budapest will be running a Foot-Tennis competition starting next Monday.

Teams of two players will bring some of the big names of Sydney soccer to Soccer House competing for $500 in prize-money.

Foot-Tennis is played on a similar basis to table tennis and produces high skill and great fun and excitement.

The championship will be held over five Monday nights in November and December, starting on November 19.

A few years back when St. George ran their first Foot-Tennis comp, the winners were Tibor Zuckerman and Les Schauman.

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ABONYI AGAIN TOP SCORER

St. George-Budapest's international striker Attila Abonyi has topped the Sydney premiership goalscoring chart for the second year running.

In 1972 Abonyi scored 13 league goals; in 1973 he banged in 15.

Abonyi, however, is a goleador with a difference: would you believe that no less than nine of his goals came from penalty kicks?

This is a record that will be hard to beat...

Joe Fletcher (Hakoah) and Peter Ollerton (APIA) scored their 13 goals without the benefit of any spotkicks, ditto for Abonyi's clubmates Mike Denton, the 1969 and 1971 leading competition goalscorer, and John Warren.

In the 1972 season only four goalscorers reached into double figures (Abonyi 13, Baartz and Keddie 11 each and Serdarevic 10).

This year nine players have scored 10 goals or more.

The full list of premiership goalscorers and "own" goalgetters is as follows:

ABONYI (St. George)	**15**
FLETCHER (Hakoah)	13
OLLERTON (APIA)	13
DENTON (St. George)	12
D. SMITH (Croatia)	12
AINSLIE (Wests)	11
HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	11
WARREN (St. George)	11
MOORES (Wests)	10
O'CONNOR (Pan Hellenic)	9
TOLSON (Marconi)	9
J. ALAGICH (Yugal)	8
KEDDIE (Auburn)	8
ROGERS (Auburn)	8
FRYER (Safeway)	7
T. SMITH (Wests)	7
BURNETT (Safeway)	6
GRIFFITHS (Marconi)	6
HANN (Granville)	6
MARSHALL (Granville)	6
VOJTEK (Croatia)	6
ALSTON (Safeway)	5
BAARTZ (Hakoah)	5
BRAJKOVIC (Marconi)	5
CAMPBELL (Marconi)	5
POLLARD (APIA)	5
DOYLE (Croatia)	4
FRAZER (Granville)	4
RICHARDS (Marconi)	4
RUTHERFORD (Yugal)	4
TRACEY (Auburn)	4
WATERS (Yugal)	4
BACON (Wests)	3
M. BARNES (Hakoah)	3
BINGHAM (Safeway)	3
J. BUTLER (Auburn)	3
T. BUTLER APIA)	3
BYRNE (Sutherland)	3
DE MELO (Hakoah)	3
HERRON (St. George)	3
ILE (Yugal)	3
MACARTHUR (APIA)	3
MENZIES (Auburn)	3
MORROW (Hakoah)	3
D. McKAY (Sutherland)	3
TRAIL (Sutherland)	3
UTJESENOVIC (St. Geo.)	3
ALLISON (Safeway)	2
BLANKIN (Pan Hellenic)	2
BUCKLEY (Pan Hellenic)	2
DODD (Safeway)	2
DUNLOP (Safeway)	2
EDMONDS (Wests)	2
GILMOUR (Granville)	2
HAMILTON (St. George)	2
IZATT (Pan Hellenic)	2
KEITH (APIA)	2
LAWSON (Auburn)	2
MAGILL (Pan Hellenic)	2
T. MIHAJLOVIC (Yugal)	2
N. MORGAN (St. George)	2
McDONALD (Auburn)	2
McGOVERN (APIA)	2
McGROTTY (Safeway)	2
S. PERRY (Sutherland)	2
ROONEY (APIA)	2
RUDIC (Yugal)	2
RUSSELL (APIA)	2
SIDEY (Auburn)	2
SPIEKERMAN (Granville)	2
SPILAREWICZ (Granville)	2
STODDART (St. George)	2
SULLIVAN (Croatia)	2
WATKISS (Hakoah)	2
WATSON (Hakoah)	2
M. ALAGICH (Yugal),	1
BABIC (Croatia)	1
BARBOUTTIS (P. Hellenic)	1
C. BARNES (Auburn)	1
BENNETT (Sutherland)	1
BLUES (APIA)	1
BOURKE (Sutherland)	1
BRIGHT (Sutherland)	1
BYLES (Wests)	1
CARRIZO (Marconi)	1
N. CLARKE (Sutherland)	1
COCKBURN (Sutherland)	1
CUDEK (APIA)	1
DALFORNO (APIA)	1
DARVILL (Sutherland)	1
DAVEY (Hakoah)	1
DEGNEY (Sutherland)	1
DELLER (APIA)	1
T. EDWARDS (Granville)	1
GIBSON (Auburn)	1
GLEESON (Safeway)	1
GLOZIER (Granville)	1
G. HARRIS (St. George)	1
M. HARRIS (Croatia)	1
HOGG (St. George)	1
J. MACKAY (Hakoah)	1
MacNAMEE (Hakoah)	1
McGHEE (APIA)	1
McLOUGHLIN (S'land)	1
NIXON (Croatia)	1
NORTHCOTE (Granville)	1
SERDAREVIC (Yugal)	1
SILVA (Hakoah)	1
SMYTH (Wests)	1
STEWART (Auburn)	1
TURNER (Wests)	1
WHALLEY (Croatia)	1

"OWN" GOALS

PERRY (Sutherland)	2
ROBERTS (Safeway)	2
YAAGER (Croatia)	2
BENNETT (Sutherland)	1
R. GRIFFITHS (S'land)	1
HUGHES (Auburn)	1
MACARTHUR (APIA)	1
MOSCHEN (Marconi)	1
O'MAYE (Granville)	1
STEWART (Auburn)	1
WATKISS (Hakoah)	1
WRIGHT (Marconi)	1

Top goalscorers since the inception of the Federation were:

1957:	Young (Canterbury)	30
1958:	Quested (Auburn)	28
1959:	Baumgartner (Pr.)	32
1960:	Ninaus (Prague)	46
1961:	Schauman (St. Geo)	28
1962:	Wentzel (APIA)	28
1963:	Tristram (Prague)	32
1964:	Watkiss (APIA)	24
1965:	Giacometti (APIA)	23
1966:	Giacometti (APIA)	20
1967:	Giacometti (APIA)	22
1968:	Alston, McGarry (both Safeway)	12
1969:	Denton (St. George)	21
1970:	Baartz (Hakoah)	25
1971:	Denton (St. George)	17
1972:	Abonyi (St. George)	13

HAT-TRICK MERCHANTS

The number of players scoring a hat-trick or more in one match has more than doubled since 1972, from five to 11. (In this context we accept as a hat-trick three goals scored in any sequence, not the classical definition of three goals in a row.)

Clubs that provided hat-trickers in 1972 and again in 1973 are Hakoah, St. George and APIA.

Wests' Ian Moores banged in four in one match, to establish the 1973 record.

Of last year's "tricksters" only John Warren figures among them again.

This is their list:

J. Warren (St. George)
J. Fletcher (Hakoah)
P. Ollerton (APIA)
J. Alagich (Yugal)
D. O'Connor (Pan Hellenic)
S. Pollard (APIA)
T. Smith (Wests)
I. Moores (Wests) 4 goals
A. Abonyi (St. George)
S. Marshall (Granville)
D. Harding (Pan Hellenic).

All the action from Seoul

BIG MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

Australia, having seen its national team in distress at home, must have caught the vision of their great fighting spirit as the picture spanned half the world from Seoul's Municipal Stadium.

What a great comeback! Here's how it went on our minute meter:

FIRST HALF

2 min.: Col Curran under pressure pushes across to Peter Wilson, who calmly gives Jim Fraser his first touch of the ball.

3 min.: Wilson takes the freekick after Jim Mackay becomes the ham in the sandwich. The ball comes loose and the smart South Korean defence makes short work of the clearance.

5 min.: Jim Rooney's pass runs loosely to defender Park Young Tae. A freekick from Doug Utjesenovic. is pushed along the ground to no advantage.

6 min.: Mannie Schaefer concedes a free due to a niggly push. Big Kim Jae Han heads down, and Ray Richards in desperation lashes the ball just clear of his own right-hand upright.

7 min.: Cha Bum Keun's lovely ball spells danger and Australia is lucky to clear.

9 min.: S.K. is trying long through-balls swinging to the centre of Australia's penalty box. Richards is well on Cha Bum Keun's back, but Kim Jae Han's headwork is spelling T-R-O-U-B-L-E.

12 min.: Cha's raid spells danger after South Korea had moved the ball wide in defence. Richard's tackle bundles the ball into touch.

13 min.: There was no sting in Branko Buljevic's shot from 14 metres after Rooney and Abonyi had built up the movement.

14 min.: The Koreans come streaming through. Doug Utjesenovic's attempt to back pass runs short. We stand off as the ball slips out of Fraser's grasp into the path of Kim Jae Han, who steers in an easy goal.

SOUTH KOREA 1, AUSTRALIA 0.

Rasic is calling on his players for a more defensive effort than in Sydney, which leaves the wings free of attackers unless Curran does a dash or someone spans wide. Koh Jae Wook is doing much of the wing running for S. K., but fortunately for Australia he lacks aggression when the master stroke is needed.

21 min.: Centre-back Kang Kee Wook strides through to dispossess Baartz, and S.K. continue to strongly drop the ball from the left towards Australia's goal.

25 min.: Kang Kee Wook fouls Richards outside the box, but Ray Baartz' curling right footer clears the Korean goal by over 3 metres.

28 min.: The second wave of Koreans takes over as Kim Jae Wan's header is laid back. Koh Jae Wook's shot is a winner all the way. SOUTH KOREA 2, AUSTRALIA 0.

29 min.: Australia gets its bonus from a glorious swinging Curran cross. Branko Buljevic's forehead tucks the ball neatly in the corner. The fight back . . . SOUTH KOREA 2, AUSTRALIA 1.

32 min.: Attie Abonyi right in front of the target is dispossessed as Kang Kee Wook materialises out of thin air.

Rooney pushes the ball around well, and Wilson is lynch-pin of the defence.

40 min.: A Fraser-Wilson foul-up somehow escapes scot free.

The half ends with S.K. pressing. Overall their dangerous crosses and free kicks have been worrying, but Australia has kept its end up to be well in the match.

SECOND HALF

3 min.: S.K. appear determined to cover up their goal and preserve their lead. The best laid plans are negatived as Richard's long throw goes into a scrambling host of players, but Baartz is there to hammer the ball in . . . EQUALISER!

4 min.: Chung Kyu Poong is found guilty of shooting high, and he had a great sight of Fraser's goal.

8 min.: Richards is the man who sprints back to rob Kim Jae Han of possession, relieving a desperate situation.

9 min.: Heart-stopping action in Australia's goal, Heaven knows how the ball was blocked.

12 min.: Park Ee Chun's left wing dashes troublesome.

14 min.: Peter van Ryn's attention goes to Richard's left leg, and Kim Jae gets treatment soon after.

17 min.: Koh Jae Wook's incisive running is finding our defence missing until he slows down for the cross.

23 min.: Rooney is unlucky to have a free ruled against him. He went across the Korean, but whipped the ball out cleanly.

24 min.: Australia attacking and Ray Baartz almost in.

25 min.: Wilson whacks woodwork and Australia's forwards almost pick up a winner. South Korea are using their triangular build-ups well. They are matched in this department as Jim Rooney is the catalyst.

27 min.: Park Ee Chun's chipped free-kick is headed away by the imperial Wilson. S.K. is now trying a long ball up the centre in hope of a breakthrough.

28 min.: Richards' tackle is just outside the box. Koh Jae Wook takes the kick, but nothing doing.

31 min.: Schaefer, going better this half, concedes a freekick as Kim Jae Han hits the deck.

33 min.: Injury robs Australia of Richards' services, with Adrian Alston coming in.

35 min.: Successive class clearances from Peter Wilson and the more confident Jim Fraser.

37 min.: Curran's contrast. He goes up and gets caught in possession. Seconds later in a change of fortune he sends Baartz away but the shot is cleared.

40 min.: Buljevic's slow footwork loses out, but Wilson again tidies up as S.K. sweeps through.

42 min.: Abonyi down; the freekick finds Wilson up ahead, without score.

44 min.: Jim Mackay heads away for a corner. Then a handball just outside Australia's penalty area, but the shot flies just wide of both wall and goal.

TWO-ALL, and on to Hong Kong for the decider!

Fever gripped entire Korea

— From LOU GAUTIER —

SEOUL. — Thousands of fans milled in front of the stadium as soon as curfew was lifted at 4 a.m. last Saturday. Long queues were formed in the hope of getting tickets from scalpers who did a roaring trade selling 5 dollar tickets at 30 dollars.

Six hundred policemen and riot squad police were mobilised to keep order in the stadium. When the gates opened at 9.30 a.m., 15,000 people streamed into the ground and the gates were locked at 1.45 p.m. with about 5,000 still clamouring to gain admission.

Soccer fever gripped all Seoul. Employees of companies hurried their work to sit before the television set in time. All tearooms were filled with ten times their usual number of customers who were willing to pay up to 2 dollars (a fortune by Korean standards) for a cup of coffie or tea.

Six cinemas showed the match on a giant screen.

Tourist companies in Seoul said that the reservation rate was substantially lower last weekend. Many were reluctant to miss watch the match on TV between 1.30 and 5 p.m.

It was practically impossible to find a taxi in Seoul. An Australian embassy staffman, Ross Smiley, who had to drive to the airport on diplomatic business, reported that the roads were almost deserted but the din was much louder than usual because radio and television descriptions were blaring out of every window and car.

Needless to say, Australia's goals were greeted in cathedral-like silence and that there was a hush over the stadium for most of the second half when the Aussies had plenty of the ball.

SILENCED

It was a very subdued Korean crowd that left the stadium.

Martin Royal and myself, unable to get a taxi, enjoyed the experience of a ride back to the hotel by public transport. The passengers, all of whom heading back from the stadium, were depressingly silent and it did seem indecent for the pair of us to be beaming.

The Koreans were thoroughly charming throughout our stay in Seoul. The players only had praise for the manner in which every one treated them and, a rarity in international soccer these days, developed a genuine liking and respect for their opponents.

Commercial Competition

Four goals from Ray Pocock (Andrew Vass Travel) was the highlight of last Friday's Commercial Soccer at Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Adriatic Trade and Morrizzi Real Estate head Group "A", and APIA players with Classic Ceramics lead Group "B".

Last week's results: Atlas Printery 4 (Hamilton 2, Juhasz, Stoddart) d. Office Furniture 3 (W. Smith 2, Salerno); Ital Projects 2 (Daniel, Samuel) d. Hall-Kalman 1 (Fletcher); Classic Ceramics 3 (D. McKinnon, Rogers, Hughes) drew with Montano Real Estate 3 (Byles, Spiekerman, Blue); Millard Caravans 2 (Tracey 2) drew with All Round Sports Store 2 (K. Jones, Walsh); Andrew Vass Travel 5 (Pocock 4, Angelopoulos) d. Lan-Chile Airlines 1 (Anavalon); Morrizzi Real Estate 4 (Colusso 2, Carrizo, Malone) d. Adriatic Trade Centre 1 (Trkulja).

The action at Bankstown this Friday night:

7 p.m., Success Office Furniture v. Western District Builders; 7.30 p.m., Hall-Kalman v. Morrizzi Real Estate; 8 p.m., Andrew Vass Travel v. Ital Projects; 8.30 p.m., Classic Ceramics v. All Round Sports; 9 p.m., Montano Real Estate v. Millard Caravans; 9.30 p.m., Lan-Chile Airlines v. Hodges Radiators.

PLAYERS' PERFORMANCES

Gallant reversal

— From LOU GAUTIER —

SEOUL — Titanic players' performances galore highlighted the dramatic 2-2 Seoul draw. This time the Aussies won the major honors despite another sparkling performance by Korea's world-class striker Cha Bum Keun.

In an Australian XI which showed its traditional fighting qualities against astonishing odds when all seemed lost after the most catastrophic start by any Aussie team abroad, no praise can be high enough for the Socceroos.

This is how I rated the players:

JIM FRASER (3): Partially to blame for handing the first goal on a platter to the grateful Koreans. Visibly shaken by the 15th minute setback, he never totally recovered and lacked some decisiveness in his interventions. Regained his composure somewhat in the second half and made one flying dive to cut off a dangerous Korean counter-attack.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC (3): Blundered tragically to set-up the first goal, and was understandably unnerved for a long spell afterwards. Left his winger too much room to move and didn't take him on energetically enough. Definitely not one of the popular Douggie's best games — not by a long shot. Surprising really, because the nature of the game should have suited him to the hilt as the Koreans never really poured on any unbearable pressure.

PETER WILSON (4): Again swept effectively, practically never losing a ball in the air. His clearances and passes found their man and his nuisance value in corners and freekicks in the Korean box clearly unnerved the opposition. Willie's overall performance was in the tradition of his best overseas displays.

MANFRED SCHAEFER (4): Had some difficulty containing Kim Jae Han in the first half when the referee pulled him up mercilessly for every shove in the big fellow's back. He rose to the occasion superbly after the interval with a typically uncompromising display which played a big part in crushing Korean morale.

COL CURRAN (4): Set up Buljevic's all-important goal with a dazzling overlapping run and shone brightly in that department throughout. Though he fell rather too easily for a couple of simple dummies he must be credited with a good game despite the unlucky own goal credited to Koh Jae Wook.

RAY RICHARDS (5): Was a vital cog in the Australian machine. Consistent from start to finish it would have been a terrible injustice had he found himself on the losing side. The Korean Press rated him the best Aussie with Jim Rooney. His tackling was magnificent. He drove himself and his team-mates relentlessly, never accepting defeat for one moment. Replaced in the 77th minute by Adrian Alston, who fitted in well at a difficult period of the match.

JIM MACKAY (4): Played his part in establishing our second half midfield mastery. His was the more offensive midfield role. A pity, however, he committed the crude foul that led to the freekick from which the Koreans opened the scoring.

JIM ROONEY (5): Gutsy wee Jimmy was all the rage with Korean pressmen who ran out of superlatives to describe his non-stop display. He vindicated his selection with his best-ever match. Just the type of player Australia needed to hold on to the ball and tackle his giant heart out. Bravo Jimmy Rooney!

ATTILA ABONYI (3): Would you believe, was admonished by the referee for playing rough. The match didn't quite suit Ottie as most of the action was on the left flank. Playing against the most rugged Korean defender, he came in for a lot of punishme,nt, but gave as good as he got.

RAY BAARTZ (5): Came good with avengeance. Must be the Seoul air in which he seems to thrive... After being unimpressive in recent displays his selection may have raised a few eyebrows but he certainly made his critics eat their words. Literally running himself to the ground he chased every ball, created numerous openings and earned our eternal gratitude for the equaliser which changed the psysionomy of the game.

BRANKO BULJEVIC (4): Also vindicated his controversial selection by turning in his best international performance since Saigon last year. Noted Swiss journalist Kurt Zimmerman thought he was our best player and in international class. Besides his goal and intelligent lead-up work and heading, he dropped back to help and tackled tigerishly to show his critics a thing or two.

The Koreans, who looked good for the first 40 minutes, were best served by the world-class Cha Bum Keun (No. 9), Koh Jae Wook (No. 7) and Kang Kee Wook (No. 16). More about the Koreans next week when I will deal in detail with their performances over both matches.

Dutch referee Arie Van Gemert incurred the ire of some Australian players, but others had no complaints. Personally I thought him competent and fair.

SCOREBOARD

Shots at goal: Australia 11; Korea 11.

Corners: Australia 4; Korea 7.

Freekicks: Australia 18; Korea 28.

Goalkicks: Australia 7; Korea 4.

Offsides: Australia 1; Korea 3.

South Korea: Byoun Ho Young, Kim Ho Kon, Yoo Kee Heung, Kang Kee Wook, Park Young Tae, Park Byoung Chul, Koh Jae Wook, Cha Bum Keun, Park Ee Chun, Kim Jae Han, Chung Kyu Poong.

Australia: Fraser, Utjesenovic, Wilson, Schaefer, Curran, Richards (Alston, 77 min.), Mackay, Rooney, Abonyi, Baartz, Buljevic.

Scorers: Kim Jae Han 15 min., Koh Jae Wook 27 min. for Korea; Buljevic 29 min., Baartz 48 min., for Australia.

Referee: Arie Van Gemert (Holland).

Crowd: 33,000.

Australia v. South Korea 1-0

ACTION HIGHLIGHTS OF A HISTORIC WIN

— By LOU GAUTIER —

NOVEMBER 13, 1973 — a historic date for Australian soccer. The venue: the Hong Kong Stadium. The teams: Australia and South Korea. The stakes: a place in the final 16 of the 1974 World Cup after 180 minutes of stalemate in Sydney and Seoul.

The glorious goal scored in the 70th minute by Jimmy Mackay is now part of Australian sporting history.

There could have been more, especially in the first half.

Australia were in full control last Tuesday week as the minute-by-minute highlights compiled below clearly indicate.

FIRST HALF

The start was held up for three minutes as the Korean goalie Lee Sae Yun was instructed to swap his black jersey for a red one.

6 min.: Col Curran gives away a freekick. Luckily for Australia Kang Tae Hyun handles in the box.

7 min.: Ray Baartz crosses to Branko Buljevic whose header from 14 metres is only a fraction over the bar.

10 min.: Jim Mackay's chip passes to Baartz whose 25-metre pile-driver sails wide to the left of the goal.

14 min.: A typically forceful run by Ray Richards, who shakes off four tackles. His millimetre precision pass finds Buljevic, whose volleyed drive goes wide.

17 min.: A glorious 1-2 between Richards and Curran, but the latter trips over the ball on the edge of the box with the Korean defence at sixes and sevens.

20 min.: Park Young Tae handles. Baartz' 30-metre freekick — a low shot — is only 50 centimetres to goalie Lee's right.

23 min.: Jim Rooney sets up the overlapping Curran, but referee van Gemert, unjustly, rules that "Bunny" fouled Kim Ho Kon.

25 min.: Manfred Schaefer fouls Kim Jae Han but Jim Fraser, ever alert, cleanly grabs Cha Bum Keun's drive.

26 min.: A great chance for Australia goes begging after glorious lead-up work by Abonyi who artistically dribbled past Park Young Tae and Kang Kee Wook on the right flank. The pass was laid on perfectly for Baartz' lethal left foot but the over-eager Buljevic collides with the Hakoah star only two metres to the right of a wide open Korean goal.

31 min.: Australia sets up Korea's first scoring chance of the game. It needed a spectacular dive by Fraser to smother a highly dangerous backpass which almost wrong-footed him.

35 min.: Curran concedes a freekick, from which a big mix-up ensues in the Aussie goalmouth before Mackay clears.

37 min.: Incredible bad luck! We should have scored. Three forwards have a stab at the ball 10 metres from the crowded Korean goal. The ball finally bounces out to Abonyi whose feet are taken from under him by Koh Jae Wook. It easily could have been a penalty our way.

40 min.: Curran "feeds" Buljevic who tries his luck from 40 metres after cleverly eluding Kim Ho Kon, but his speculator is way off target.

45 min.: Curran concedes a corner but Cha Bum Keun's header, always well covered by Fraser, goes well over the line.

41 min.: Cha Bum Keun eludes both Peter Wilson and Curran, but can only force a corner which is inconclusive as Richards punts the ball upfield to relieve the pressure.

SECOND HALF

1 min.: A "silly" backpass by Richards hands the ball to Cha, whose shot from 30 metres goes over the bar.

2 min.: Abonyi fouled by Yoo Kee Heung. Utjesenovic's deep freekick from the right mystifies the Korean defenders and has to be punched desperately over the bar by the goalie. Two corners follow before Buljevic heads straight at Lee Sae Yun.

4 min.: A long Baartz through-ball forces the Korean 'keeper to dive at the feet of the lurking Abonyi.

5 min.: Jim Rooney eludes three tackles, works the ball along the byeline but play is held up for a foul — against the Aussie! So much for the advantage rule. Abonyi heads Utjesenovic's freekick weakly to the left of goal.

11 min.: Adrian Alston comes in for Abonyi.

16 min.: Utjesenovic, too slow on the turn, has to resort to a foul to stop Park Byung Chul from streaking away. In the resulting goalmouth scrimmage big Kim Jae Han collapses. Schaefer tries to drag him back to his feet. The Korean falls back on his face but the referee awards a freekick to Australia.

21 min.: Richards' fabulous throw-in again panicks the Korean defence into error but Wilson fouls the 'keeper.

22 min.: Australia in trouble when Curran loses the ball to Kang Tae Hyun. Happily for us he pushes Richards in the back and it's Australia freekick.

25 min.: THE GLORIOUS GOAL THAT TOOK AUSTRALIA TO THE WORLD CUP FINALS! The Koreans concede a foul midway into their own half of the field. Ray Richards flighted the kick perfectly; Park Young Tae, hindered by Adrian Alston, heads down to Jim Rooney who calmly controlled the ball and rolled it into the path of Jim Mackay whose gloriously hit shot from 30 metres flashed into the net leaving the Korean goalie helpless to save. AUSTRALIA 1-0 — and ahead for the first time in the three-match series.

28 min.: Schaefer gives away a foul near the corner flag but Wilson is fouled in the box by Kim Hae Jan and Australia breathes again.

30 min.: Branko Buljevic gets a good pass from Baartz, but his attempt at a volley misfires.

31 min.: Lee Sae Yun positions himself well to cut off Utjesenovic's header.

35 min.: Adrian Alston only misses a second Australian goal by centimetres when his 30-metre scorcher, which beat the goalie all the way, went over the bar by the tiniest of margins.

39 min.: Park Ee Chun, who came in for Kang Kee Wook four minutes earlier, tries a snap hook shot from an impossible angle and does not miss by all that much.

41 min.: Manfred Schaefer, the lion-hearted, relieves the pressure with a hefty clearance after our tense defenders gave away another freekick.

The small Australian camp was on tenterhooks in the dying minutes of this dramatic play-off. With West Germany only a matter of seconds away time-wasting tactics were an absolute must. The Socceroos succeded splendidly, but understandably also gave away many fouls due to nervousness. Definitely not a finale for the faint-hearted, but what ecstacy at the final whistle!

How we got to West Germany

- March 4 (Auckland): New Zealand 1 (Brian Turner) Australia 1 (Ernie Campbell) Crowd: 12,000.
- March 11 (Sydney): Australia 3 (Adrian Alston 2, Ray Richards) d. Iraq 1 (Riad Nuri) Crowd: 28,514.
- March 13 (Sydney): Australia 2 (Ernie Campbell, Adrian Alston) d. Indonesia 1 (Iswadi) Crowd: 12,763.
- March 16 (Sydney): Australia 3 (Doug Utjesenovic, Ray Baartz, Branko Buljevic) New Zealand 3 (Alan Vest, Dennis Tindall, Bobby Hogg, own goal). Crowd: 14,550.
- March 18 (Melbourne): Australia 0 Iraq 0. Crowd: 10,800.
- March 24 (Sydney): Australia 6 (Jim Mackay 2, Attila Abonyi 2, Ray Richards, Ray Baartz). d. Indonesia 0. Crowd: 12,390.
- August 18 (Sydney): Australia 3 (Adrian Alston, Attila Abonyi, Peter Wilson) d. Iran 0. Crowd: 30,881.
- August 24 (Tehran): Iran 2 (Ghelichkhani 2) d. Australia 0. Crowd: 75,000.
- October 28 (Sydney): Australia 0 South Korea 0 Crowd: 32,005.
- November 10 (Seoul): South Korea 2 (Kim Jae Han, Koh Jae Wook) Australia 2 (Branko Buljevic, Ray Baartz). Crowd: 29,864.
- November 13 (Hong Kong): Australia 1 (Jim Mackay) d. South Korea 0. Crowd: 27,700.
- Played: 11
- Won: 5
- Drew: 5
- Lost: 1
- Goals for: 21
- Goals against: 10

Australia's World Cup scorers: Adrian Alston 4, Attila Abonyi 3, Ray Richards 3, Jim Mackay 3, Branko Buljevic 2, Ernie Campbell 2, Ray Richards 2, Doug Utjesenovic 1, Peter Wilson 1.

- Total attendance: 286,466.
- Average crowd per match: 26,042.

THE SCORECARD

	AUSTRALIA			SOUTH KOREA		
	First half	Second half	Total	First half	Second half	Total
Goals	0	1	1	0	0	0
Shots at Goal	3	2	5	0	0	0
Shots outside	4	0	4	0	2	2
Freekicks	12	8	20	16	17	33
Throw-ins	9	9	18	15	8	23
Offside	0	1	1	1	0	1
Corners	0	3	3	2	0	2
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0

— EINAR PERSEN

SCOREBOARD

Australia d. South Korea 1-0 (0-0)

Australia: Jim Fraser, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Col Curran, Ray Richards, Jim Mackay, Jim Rooney, Attila Abonyi (Adrian Alston 56 min.), Ray Baartz, Branko Buljevic.

South Korea: Lee Sae Yun, Kim Ho Kon, Park Young Tae, Yoo Kee Heung, Kang Kee Wook (Park Ee Chun 80 min.), Hoh Jae Wook, Kim Jin Kook (Chung Kyu Poong 59 min.), Kang Tae Hyun, Cha Bum Keun, Kim Jae Han, Park Byung Chul.

Scorer: Jim Mackay 70 min.

Referee: Aric van Gemert (Holland).

Crowd: 27,700 at Hong Kong Stadium.

EVERY AUSSIE A HERO!

There were 12 Australian heroes on the lush turf of the Hong Kong Stadium last Tuesday.

Every player rose superbly to the occasion. There were no failures, only inspired Socceroos hell-bent on winning a place in the final 16 of the World Cup.

This is how I rated the individual performances, giving top marks to skipper Peter Wilson.

Jim Fraser (4)

The Australian goalkeeper gave a flawless display. He didn't have too much work, but all he did was right and inspired confidence to his co-defenders. His clearances, too, were first class.

Doug Utjesenovic (5)

Hats off to "Douggie" for shaking off his Seoul nerves the minute he set foot on the Hong Kong stadium. One careless backpass excepted, this was Utjesenovic at his best. Easily shackling his opponent, he had plenty of time to move into attack and send his dangerous centres across.

Peter Wilson (6)

The Australian of the match in my opinion, the Socceroos' skipper was an impressive sight. He thoroughly demoralised the Korean strikers against whom he was imperial throughout. Drove his team-mates on relentlessly and looked a tower of strength for the whole 90 minutes. The local press wrote that his was a world-class performance.

Manfred Schaefer (5)

"Manny" capped a remarkable return to the national team — after a long lay-off which would have finished most other players' international ambitions — with one of his very best displays for Australia. Blotted Kim out of the match, came out on top of most tackles and headed and distributed well.

Col Curran (5)

"Bunny" continued in Hong Kong where he had left off in Seoul. His overlapping had the mark of a great modern fullback — and what a boon it proved for the team which played without orthodox wingers. You couldn't wish to meet a greater fellow off the field than Col, who now has also established himself as one of the best defenders ever to grace the "green and gold".

Ray Richards (5)

A couple of minor indiscretions, which allowed the Koreans to capitalise on sloppy passes, cannot detract from "King" Richards' tremendous contribution to our triumph. His workload in the midfield was astonishing, his tackling fierce and his distribution first class. The Chinese crowd buzzed with excitement each time he took a throw-in and that was a big factor in Australia winning over the support of the fans.

Jim Mackay (5)

Mackay's 70th minute goal brought fame and glory to Australian soccer. He's never scored a better goal. But there was much more to his display. He was always on the move and showed a great deal of enterprising running. When Mackay plays well, Australia clicks. This was never more evident than last week.

Jim Rooney (4)

Visibly tired in the first half after his phenomenal work rate in Seoul, wee Jimmy sprung to life after the interval. He not only set up Mackay's historic goal but fought his guts out and clung to the ball when it was essential we slow the pace of the game.

Attila Abonyi (4)

"Ottie" showed plenty of skill in approach, set up a couple of beauties which deserved to see the ball in the net and was robbed of a penalty when unceremoniously upended. Rasic, however, looking for a more direct striker, brought on ADRIAN ALSTON in the 56th minute. "Noddy", our leading World Cup goalscorer, almost added to his tally with a stupendous drive that all but catapulted the ball in the roof of the net.

Ray Baartz (5)

How good it was to see Ray Baartz — in Seoul and in Hong Kong — back to his dynamic best. This was the Baartz we know and admire so well — the player who ranks amongst the best ever produced here. Worked selflessly, chased every ball and did not seek self glorification for one moment. His was an unglamorous, but invaluably useful role.

Branko Buljevic (4)

Buljevic was "quieter" than in Seoul, but his exquisite ball control came handy in tight situations towards the end of the game. His ability to emerge with the ball from a sea of blue-shirted Koreans served Australia well. He was also seen to good advantage a couple of times in proximity of the Korean goal.

The Koreans

The Koreans showed little of their traditional ball-playing skill and misguidedly tried to mix it with the physically superior Australians.

Tactically, too, it was difficult to understand their plan and they spent much of their effort banging high passes down the middle, apparently hoping that the giant KIM JAE HAN would turn one of them to advantage, but while he occasionally got the better of Schaefer in the jump for the ball the Australians had anticipated such a situation and Peter Wilson was always on hand to counter any danger that arose.

— LOU GAUTIER

PARLIAMENT HAILS OUR TRIUMPHANT SOCCEROOS

History was made not only by the Australian team in Hong Kong but also in the Federal Parliament in Canberra.

A mere 10 hours after the triumphant match, leaders of our three major political parties paid rich tribute to our soccer team.

For some 10 minutes or more, Parliament was playing soccer . . .

Here, from the daily Hansard, a record of Parliamentary debates, are excerpts of the speeches.

FRANK STEWART, Minister for Tourism and Recreation: "I desire to offer congratulations to our Australian soccer team. For the first time in the long history of Australian soccer we have qualified for the World Cup finals to be held in West Germany next June and July. I am certain that when those finals are held there will be many Australians in West Germany barracking for our Australian soccer team.

"I should like the House to join with me in congratulating all those who had a hand in this success, particularly the players led by their captain Peter Wilson, the coach, Rale Rasic, the manager, John Barclay and the President of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George. I am sure Australia is proud of this splendid team which so clearly emphasised the multi-national character of our country. Not all the players were born in Australia but all of them played their hearts out for their country in exactly the same way.

INTEGRATION

"This was yet another victory for the integrating power of our land. The soccer World Cup rivals the Olympic Games in global importance and exceeds it in television following. Some 90 countries start off on the long road towards the Cup and only the elite 16 reach the final series. To underline Australia's achievements, I mention that countries with great soccer traditions such as England, Russia and Hungary were eliminated from the finals.

"Australia goes to the finals next year as the world representative of the entire Asian and Oceania region, having conquered all the teams in our path. Perhaps some of our Asian friends in the hour of our triumph are bitterly disappointed, but I should like to extend, particularly to Korea, whose team we beat yesterday evening in Hong Kong, our congratulations on their magnificent fight.

"In Australia the Korean team held us to a nil-all draw. In Seoul they held us to a 2-all tie, and last night they were defeated by only one to nil. I am sure that Australia will represent the Asian region next year with dignity and, hopefully, with a measure of success. Australians have been eminently successful in scores of sports in the past.

"The world has come to respect and admire our champions. I am delighted that soccer can now be added to their list. I offer the congratulations of the Parliament to the team."

BILL SNEDDEN (Leader of the Opposition): "The Opposition parties welcome the statement made by the Minister for Tourism and Recreation (Mr. Stewart). I am glad that he has seen fit to congratulate the Australian team. I watched the match last night. I had red eyes sitting up watching it, as I am sure many honourable members did. I had not realised that I would be so excited as I was when Jimmy Mackay kicked that ball into — as the players would look at it — the top left hand corner of the goal. He did not give the Korean goalkeeper the slightest chance of stopping it.

"I had not realised how excited you could be about a soccer match. Sitting there last night and seeing that goal scored on television I realised that the Australian team is going off to West Germany. Many forecasts have been made that in the future Australia will find that its national game is soccer — not the rugby code which the Minister for Tourism and Recreation played or the Australian rules game which I played.

"Quite clearly soccer is a great international game. The Minister and I, and every honourable member can think of sportsmen who played rugby or Australian rules football and who, if they had played soccer all their lives would have raised the quality of Australian soccer to such an extent that we would be sending an Australian team to West Germany confident that it would win the World Cup.

"I think it is true to say that the soccer administration does not expect Australia to win the World Cup. However, I am confident that the Australian team will win one or two games and perhaps draw a couple of others.

WARM WELCOME

"Whatever the outcome, what was reported to have been said in South Korea will never be said here — that if the team did not win its members need not come home. We will give the Australian team a warm welcome when it returns from West Germany, whether or not it wins games. I thank the Minister for making his statement and for giving me the opportunity to join with him."

IAN SINCLAIR: "I want to say a few things on behalf of the Australian Country Party. We also would like to extend our congratulations to the members of the Australian World Cup team who were successful last night.

"I believe that soccer probably is a game played more universally than any other and that it probably transcends the divisions between East and West to a greater degree than any other game. By that I do not mean that in playing the game there is to be seen anything other than the urge to win.

"The Minister for Tourism and Recreation (Mr. Stewart), in complimenting both the South Koreans and the Australians, reflects the attitude that those in this Parliament would have in regard to playing the game. It is necessary that there be increased communication between individuals.

"Australia has participated in the World Cup series for a number of years without having achieved this measure of success. I believe that viewing the series and playing in it is a step forward towards what was once the Olympic tradition, which unfortunately sometimes has fallen under a cloud.

"I join with the Minister and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Snedden) in extending congratulations to this truly Australian side and wish the players well in the series of matches which they will contest on Australia's behalf in West Germany."

An anxious moment in Seoul when this dangerous back header by Ray Richards almost beat goalie Jim Fraser early in the game. Just look at the anguish on the faces of Jim Mackay and Branko Buljevic!

TWELVE HAVE QUALIFIED

Holland drew with Belgium last Sunday to become the 12th country to qualify for the World Cup finals next year.

The teams so far qualified to join hosts West Germany and holders Brazil are Argentina, Uruguay, Scotland, Poland, Italy, East Germany, Chile, Bulgaria, Holland and Australia.

The other four countries favored to qualify are Spain, Mexico, Sweden (or Austria) and the African representative (Zaire, Zambia or Morocco).

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More significant than the fact that Theo Marmaras took over once again as president of the Victorian Soccer Federation following their recent AGM was the resignation of Tommy Burns as senior vice-president of the Federation. Burns, who has served Victorian soccer in every aspect over the past half-century and has been senior vice-president of the VSF for some considerable years, has been a man of many talents.

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Angelo Kreskas, who has been a leading figure with Alexander Soccer Club since their formation in 1958 and is now mine host of the Silver Gate Hotel in South Melbourne, reckons that his club, who have had their best-ever season, will with additional good class imports be battling it out for the State League title in 1974.

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Brian Edgeley, the former Wilhelmina and Balgownie player who led Mooroolbark to promotion to the State League this year, recently signed a contract for five years as player-coach of the club.

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Sydney-born George Pedlar, who was a State League referee for 16 years, a founder member of the Australian Referees' Association and president of the Victorian Referees' Association since 1958, was recently farewelled by the Melbourne whistlers following his promotion by his employers and his return to Sydney. George came to Melbourne from Sydney in 1950.

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The usual exodus of State League players back to the U.K. is on the go. Jim Lapish, the Hakoah defender, has already left while John Gardiner, of George Cross, will head back to Scotland shortly. Both players are expected to return in time for the Ampol Cup.

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Bobby McGinn, the 22-year-old Wilhelmina defender who has played for Victoria and will line-up with APIA next year, joined the Ringwood club about three years ago from the Scottish junior side, Kilsyth Rangers, the same club Steve Walker, of South Melbourne Hellas, played for prior to coming to Australia.

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Eric Heath, who has been associated as a player and official with Moreland for about a quarter of a century and who played for Australia as a fullback when Moreland was a top side some 20 years ago, was elected vice-president of the VSF following the recent resignation of Tommy Burns, who is succeeded as senior vice-president by Andy Kun, one of the pioneers of Melbourne Soccer Club. Eric Heath has been a Trustee of the Federation for many years and his appointment is a well deserved honor.

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Bobby McLachlan did a great job lifting Preston Makedonia, once a State League side, back into the First Division this year with the aid of the former George Cross quartet of Ian Reid, Albert Harrison, Neil Morson and Robin Hayward. His club also won the Federation Cup, but Bobby, who is player-coach of the Preston side, wants no credit for lifting that pot against a Sunshine team which was forced to play a third XI in the final against them and gave them a virtual walk-over after high-handed arrangements by the VSF left the Sunshine club with no option but to concede defeat before the final was played.

— JIM COOK

EUROPEAN CUP RESULTS

CHAMPIONS' CUP: Ujpest v. Benfica 2-0 (Ujpest on 3-1 aggregate); CSZKA Sofia v. Ajax 2-0 (CSZKA on 2-1); Dynamo Dresden v. Bayern Munchen 3-3 (Bayern 7-6); Red Star Belgrade v. Liverpool 2-1 (Red Star 4-2); Celtic v. Vejle 1-0 (Celtic 1-0); Spartak Trnava v. Vorosilovgrad 1-0 (Spartak 1-0), FC Basel v. FC Bruges 6-4 (Basel 7-6); Dinamo Bucharest v. Atletico Madrid 2-2 (Madrid 4-2).

CUP-WINNERS' CUP: FC Zurich v. Malmo (Zurich on 2-1); AC Milan v. Rapid Vienna 2-0 (Milan 2-0); FC Magdeburg v. Banik Ostrava 3-0 (Magdeburg 3-2); Glentoran v. Bergen 3-1 (Glentoran 4-2); PAOK v. Lyon 4-0 (PAOK 7-3); Atletico Bilbao v. Beroe 1-0 (Beroe 3-1); Glasgow Rangers v. Monchengladbach 3-2 (Monchengladbach 5-3); Sporting Lisbon v. Sunderland 2-0 (Sporting 3-2).

UEFA CUP: FC Koln v. Marseille 6-0 (Koln 6-2); Dusseldorf v. Admira Vienna 3-0 (Dusseldorf 4-2); Tbilisi v. OFK Belgrade 5-1 (Tbilisi 8-1); Craiova v. Standard Liege 1-1 (Liege 3-1); Jena v. Ruch Chorzow 1-0 (Chorzow 3-1); VfB Stuttgart v. Tatran Presov 5-3 (Stuttgart 8-4); Gwardia Warsaw v. Feyenoord 1-0 (Feyenoord 3-2), Fenerbahce v. Nice 2-0 (Nice 4-2); Honved v. Plovdiv 3-2 (Honved 7-5); Kiev v. BK Copenhagen 2-1 (Kiev 3-1);Twente v. Patras 7-0 (Twente 8-1); Racing White v. Setubal 2-1 (Setubal 3-2); Wolverhampton v. Leipzig 4-1 (Leipzig 5-4); Tottenham v. Aberdeen 4-1 (Tottenham 5-2); Lazio v. Ipswich 4-2 (Ipswich 6-4); Hibernians v. Leeds 0-0 (Leeds, 0-0, penalties).

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SOCCEROOS NEED TOUGH GAMES IN '74

Sir Robert Askin brushes up his German with some assistance from World Cup hero Jim Mackay and Rale Rasic at the NSW Premier's reception for the Socceroos the day after they returned triumphant from Hong Kong.

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Lack of tough international match practice is national coach Rale Rasic's biggest worry for 1974.

Rasic, the toast of Australian sport after the national team's historic qualification for the World Cup finals, does not accept famous Frenchman, Baron de Coubertin's concept that in sport the important thing is to participate.

Having got that far in the World Cup, Rasic is determined Australia should perform at maximum capacity in Germany.

"Crushing defeats, even against the best in the world, could undo all the good our qualification has achieved," he confessed this week.

Rasic, however, is by now a realist. He fully realises that club and national team interests are bound to again clash in 1974.

He knows that the lofty training goals he would like to set next year have practically no chance of being agreed to by the NSW Federation and its member clubs.

This he accepts, albeit reluctantly, like any coach worth his salt, but he believes that even under our part-time, semi-professional set-up there are certain norms that must be adhered to next year if Australia wants to put up a reasonable showing in the World Cup.

Rasic secretly hoped, against hope, that the World Cup squad, split into Australia "A" and "B", would be allowed to compete as distinct units in next year's Sydney First Division.

As there is no chance his wish will be granted, he is pinning his hopes for adequate pre-Germany preparations on a steady diet of international opposition for the Socceroos.

"I hope the Federation can secure six games at home before the team leaves Australia.

"However, it is essential we play against teams whose style is similar to those we meet in the finals.

"It would be pointless to say, play an English side if the World Cup draw on January 5 pits us against Latin American or Central American teams.

"We must select our opponents carefully. Every match must be treated as a full-scale rehearsal for our appearance in the finals."

DRAW

Rasic hopes, and so do I, that the ASF will see fit to send him to Europe early in the new year.

He should not only accompany ASF officials to the draw in Frankfurt, but also supervise the grounds Australia will play on and personally choose the team's headquarters and training venues.

If the ASF does not send Rasic to Germany on January 5 it will have achieved a dubious "first", because no other national coach in the history of the World Cup hasn't looked over his team's facilities before the finals.

It is also important that Rasic be permitted to spend at least two further weeks in Europe to collect as much information as possible on our opponents.

England boss Sir Alf Ramsey, for example, could give him invaluable data about the players, method of play and tactics of any of the teams we will meet in the finals.

Yugoslav coaches stationed in Germany and Italy would also come in handy with vital information, without which the Socceroos' task in the World Cup would be considerably harder.

MISSION

Rasic's "spying" missions to Tehran and Seoul this year were big contributing factors in Australia's victory in the Asian qualifying zone.

The ASF would be tempting fate by not sending him on a similar mission in 1974.

Pan Hellenic, Rasic's new club, would not object to his travels on behalf of the national team, though it would deprive them of his valuable services for some length of time.

Speaking to Rasic I got the distinct impression he would have preferred to coach the national team full-time until the World Cup finals.

The ASF, however, was not prepared to meet his financial demands, so he is resigned to again guide the Socceroos on a part-time basis — not too satisfying an assignment for such a perfectionist.

Under the circumstances, Rale Rasic hopes that the Sydney clubs will meet him at least half way and agree to release their players once a week (on Wednesdays) as from February 1 for national team training.

He would like the Socceroos to fly to Europe early in May for some tough international matches as lead-up for Australia's first World Cup match on June 14.

At this stage, however, it appears as though the NSW Federation will only agree to stop the First Division on May 19, at the earliest, giving the national team three weeks to get into shape.

Rasic doesn't think this is long enough, but feels that the team will still be able to do justice to Australian soccer if international matches can be secured at home for the Socceroos between February and May.

He can't stress enough the importance of international competition.

"The national team has proved time and time again that it achieves its best results only after a series of hard games.

"Lack of match practice resulted in some disappointing displays in the March

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WE HAVE LITTLE TO FEAR IN CUP BUT FEAR ITSELF

— By MIKE RENWICK —

Lambs to be slaughtered or lions to be idolised? What will be the fate of Australia at next year's World Cup finals?

Nobody without prophetic qualities can make a fair prediction at this stage.

Actually, we don't even know what group Australia will be drawn into.

Last week my friend and colleague, Lou Gautier speculated on the groupings, writing in the "Daily Telegraph".

He went on the assumption — and he was correct — that FIFA would "seed" the countries: the four strongest, four (if there is four) from the Socialist bloc, Latin Americans and the rest.

We will be in the "rest"...

Going on past precedents and assuming that West Germany will get mildly favored treatment, I stick my neck out and predict that these will be the four groups:

1. West Germany, Chile, Poland, Sweden (Austria).
2. Brazil, Scotland, East Germany, Mexico.
3. Argentina, Holland, Yugoslavia (Spain), Australia.
4. Italy, Uruguay, Bulgaria, Zaire (Morocco).

Group I. will play its matches in Berlin and Hamburg; II. in Dortmund, Gelsenkirchen and Frankfurt; III. in Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Hannover and IV. in Munchen and Stuttgart. (Yes, Dortmund overlaps into two groups.)

This would be a tough draw for Australia — as would almost any other.

Argentina is expected to be one of the strongest teams next year and, with their truly superior skill, are almost certainly beyond us.

Holland and Yugoslavia (or Spain), on the other hand, are not in the top echelon of world class.

The paperform would suggest, of course, that we'd lose to any of them — but perhaps a draw could be squeezed out against one of them.

Naturally, it's highly unlikely that the eventual groups will tally with my forecasts.

I wouldn't mind Australia meeting Chile or East Germany, in preference to Holland and Yugoslavia.

Chile has never been among the top soccer countries of the world while the East German "physical" football, sprinkled with mighty little wit and sophistication, is within our reach.

Either Sweden or Austria would suit us fine — but we are unlikely to meet these, as they will be other sacrificial lambs thrown to the wolves.

Austria's 0-7 against England and 0-4 against West Germany are hardly any World Cup recommendations.

As for the Swedes, whom I saw last June in Budapest, they are a fit, strong side without too much frills — a sort of poor man's Arsenal.

That Sweden of last June, despite their extremely lucky 3-3 against Hungary, may be more experienced in big-time soccer than Australia — but only shades better.

After this article, until at least the draw is made, I have no intention of making further forecasts...

Baartz tipped to win award

Australia's most capped footballer in any code, Ray Baartz, has been chosen to represent soccer in the ABC's "Sportsman of the Year" award.

This is only the third time that soccer has been nominated. Attila Abonyi, in 1967, and John Warren, in 1969, were amongst the candidates for Australian sport's most prestigious prize.

In a lean year for Australian sport, the national soccer team would have been a certainty to clinch the award, but the winner must be an individual, not a team.

Baartz, according to the ABC's Norman May, is one of the favorites despite opposition from cricketer Ian Chappell, teenage swimming sensation Stephen Holland and tennis' Margaret Court and John Nwecombe.

Sporting editors from all major Australian newspapers and radio and television stations select the "Sportsman of the Year".

The glittering ceremony will be shown on ABC television on January 5.

The program could be preceded or followed by a live telecast of the World Cup draw which may be presented from Frankfurt by Martin Royal.

— L. G.

"Reject" goalie sparked off Guildford revival

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Lester Forrester, the "reject" goalkeeper from Hakoah, gave Guildford a gigantic boost which transformed the side from a relegation prospect into one of the most respected sides of the competition in 1973.

Guildford finished in sixth position this year — their best since promotion three years ago.

It was a weird sort of a season for the Wanderers but the experience has certainly helped the club to consolidate and entrench itself in Second Division.

After winning their initial two games of the season, Guildford slumped badly and defeat became almost a routine weekly repetition.

The Wanderers had very little method in their play, lacked all-round confidence, and while they were not scoring the goals their defence cracked too easily under pressure.

Of course, Guildford were playing their first season for many years without captain-coach Vince Jack, who was always an inspiration to the side.

Most of the 39 goals scored against them were conceded in this first round.

Then, with the second leg around the corner, Les Forrester, unable to get a regular spot in Hakoah's first team, came on the scene, on loan for the rest of the season.

And what a blessing it was both for Guildford and Forrester himself as Guildford were freed from their shackles and he was able to prove what a fine goalkeeper he really is.

He made his debut against Canterbury and the game was narrowly lost 1-0, but his first-up performance inspired the club on the road to success.

The confidence he infused into the side with his consistently brilliant performances gave Guildford a 10-match unbeaten stretch, banishing overnight any relegation worries and helping set the mood for the many upsets they registered in the second round.

The team defeated Manly, Bankstown, Melita and Rosebery in most convincing fashion.

With safe goalkeeping the defence, which was so easily susceptible in the first round, tightened up so well that the most experienced teams in the division found it increasingly hard to penetrate.

"Attacking" defence

Richard Parle, Darryl Schofield, John Brewin, Mark Frazer and others organised themselves in an effective "attacking" defence set-up.

Jim Christie and the tireless Chris Lowe were hard workers in midfield behind a set of goal-shy forwards.

The exception was tall Englishman Eddy Williams who, from the left wing position, banged in 21 goals to finish as the second highest scorer in Second Division.

The 25-year old textile charge hand used his speed and height to good advantage and his shooting was always deadly accurate.

His talent in turning half-chances into goals was just as good as Graham Hann's, who was transferred to Granville at the beginning of the season.

Graham Robinson, who missed many games through injury, was also dangerous in front of goal, but Guildford's best "find" of the season was the young Kevin Coleman.

Only 16 years old, Coleman made several appearances in the first team with outstanding success.

With this experience behind him he will be pressing for a regular spot next season.

With one of the longest lines of juniors in their set-up, talent is plentiful at Guildford, but their main attention will be for a replacement goalkeeper.

Forrester is referred back to Hakoah and after his performances last season he is likely to join one of the First Division clubs who have shown interest in him.

Shaw Savill competition

The final round of the Shaw Savill $1,500 Commercial competition, to be played this Friday night at the Bankstown Soccer Centre, is certain to develop into a ding-dong battle between teams aspiring for a semifinal berth.

Four teams have assured themselves of a place in the semis — three from group "B" and one from "A".

Classic Ceramics, Atlas Printery, Montano Real Estate and Adriatic Trade are in, but the other four berths will all depend on how the teams fare on Friday.

A massive nine-goal burst by Yugal-Prague speedster Joe Alagich highlighted an entertaining night last Friday when Adriatic Trade massacred Lan Chile Air Lines 14-2.

With 15 goals to his credit, Alagich is poised to win the TAA trip to Surfers' Paradise for the highest goalscorer in the competition.

In the early game the ambitious Morizzi Real Estate team was surprisingly defeated by Ital Projects 4-2.

Raoul Carizzo "bombed" two great chances, including a penalty which could have salvaged a point.

The best two of the 46 goals scored during the night came from Joe Fletcher, in the Hall-Kalman-Hodges Radiators game, and by Greg Byles in the Montano-All Round Sports fixture.

Fletcher blasted his second goal with a powerful angled drive which left the defence dumbfounded.

Byles ran halfway up the pitch to beat all comers before slamming home a beautiful placement.

Results: Ital-Projects 4 (A. Everett 2, J. McCulloch, G. Samuel) d. Morizzi Real Estate 2 (R. Carizzo 2), Adriatic Trade 14 (J. Alagich 9, I. Rudic 3, J. Trkulja, I. Takac) d. Lan Chile Air Lines 2 (W. Jones, G. Anavalon), Montano Real Estate 7 (W. Spiekerman 4, G. Byles, A. Matthews, G. Smith) d. All Round Sports 1 (A. Venables), Classic Ceramics 8 (D. McKinnon 3, G. Anderson 2, G. Blues, P. Hughes, T. Butler) d. Success Furniture 3 (J. Welton, L. Plunkett, G. Ward), Hall-Kalman 5 (J. Fletcher 2, M. Barnes 2, N. Porter) d. Hodges Radiators 0, Atlas Printery 4 (J. Herron 3, F. Juhasz) d. Western District Builders 1 (B. Walker).

This Friday's fixtures: 7.00 p.m.: Hodges Radiators v. Morizzi Real Estate; 7.30 p.m.: Millard Caravans v. Western District Builders; 8.00 p.m.: Adriatic Trade v. Andrew Vass Travel; 8.30 p.m.: Atlas Printery v. Millard; 9.00 p.m.: All Round Sports v. Success Office Furniture; 9.30 p.m. Lan Chile Airlines v. Ital Projects.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Eastwood's new coach

Morrie Smith, one-time Granville player and more recently player and coach for some years with West Ryde Rovers, has been appointed 1974 coach of Eastwood Town in the Inter-suburban League.

He will be assisted by 33-year-old Willie Cunningham, who joined Eastwood to add experience to the midfield and assist their second round revival in the 1973 competition.

Cunningham was with Melita Eagles. He formerly played for Partick Thistle in the Scottish League.

Eastwood was formed to give local juniors and players produced in the St. Andrews Eastwood junior nursery the opportunity to reach the highest grade they could.

The policy is gradually proving itself, as this year 50% of the players of both grades came through the club ranks.

On the administrative side Barry Smith has been appointed president in succession to foundation president, Clive Lee.

As assistant secretary of the Australian Amateur Athletic Association and secretary of the State body, Clive Lee found the pressure of preparation for the Christchurch Commonwealth Games in January too heavy to retain the presidency.

New secretary for Eastwood is Mrs. Pat West, one of the club's keenest supporters.

— KEITH GILMOUR

THANKS JIM...

Let's not forget Jim Bayutti, the one-time stormy petrel of Australian soccer, when tributes for Australia's historic World Cup qualification are handed out.

Without Jim Bayutti's proddings, almost a decade ago, Australia would never have competed in the World Cup.

It was through his efforts, not too popular at the time, that Australia took its World Cup plunge in 1965.

A vote of thanks, too, must go to the NSW under-23 players, their coach Rex Foster and manager Karel Rodny for providing the Socceroos with much-needed practice right through October when opponents were impossible to find.

They too are associated with Australia's World Cup triumph.

— LOU GAUTIER

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Ken Kontra, the Wilhelmina coach who recently returned to Australia after a six-week trip back to his native Hungary, has lost no time in getting back into harness and is at present assisting in the running of three coaching courses in Victoria. Ken, who was recently made a life member of the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation, took in the Yugoslavia v. Hungary international while in Europe and was most impressed by the high standard of the game.

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Two State League players who suffered leg breaks during the past season — Keith Webster (Juventus) and David Prentice (Melbourne) — should be fully recovered and fully fit in time for the start of the 1974 season.

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Lou Ivanoff, the former West Australian State 'keeper who had a spell with George Cross, has gone into the service station business and his future with Slavia could be in doubt.

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Gordon Cameron, the Hakoah winger who had a spell in Hong Kong soccer and recently returned from New Zealand, is attracting the attention of his former Middle Park playing colleague Hugh Murney, team boss and player-coach of the promoted Albion Rovers.

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The go-ahead and ambitious Alexander Soccer Club recently formed a Supporters Club with businessman Paul Economides as their chief of public relations.

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Vic Manson, who has been associated with Melbourne in many official capacities almost since their foundation in 1956, recently returned from a trip to the UK where he and his wife were guests of Sir Andrew Stephen, chairman of the FA, at the England v. Austria international match at Wembley. Vic's son is a promising youngster with Melbourne and has already made quite a number of first team appearances for the club and his brother-in-law Jimmy Garrett was, of course, a well-known first team player with Melbourne for many years.

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Heinz Vollmer recently completed 21 years' service with Bayswater is an official of the club and was the recipient of a presentation for his services which was made by his wife — Heidi — one of the leading lights of the ladies' committee.

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South Melbourne-Hellas' Sam Papasavous recently returned from a trip to Greece, but there are no reports of any imminent player signings. However, Sam brought himself back a wife.

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Ernie Grocz — a top goalkeeper in Australia less than a decade who played with St. George-Budapest, Melbourne SC and also in South Australia — is contemplating a come-back after being out of competitive soccer for the past two years. Still fit (he plays every weekend in practice games with many of the State League players at Elwood) he is on the books of Third Division Essendon City (formerly Triestina) who are keen for him to return. But Ernie would like to throw in his lot with his first love, Melbourne, although he realises that a place in the reserves is now all he could hope for.

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South Melbourne-Hellas have received a setback in their bid to entice Lou Brocic back to Australia. Brocic has declined their $5,000 a year offer and has accepted a two-year contract to stay-put as national coach of Kuwait. So Hellas will have to consider new approaches as their former player, Jimmy Pygrolis, who took over in mid-season from Manny Poulakakos, is going overseas next year.

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A former Krakow (Poland) player of pre-war vintage has been appointed team manager of Polonia. He is George Bialowieyski, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree.

— JIM COOK

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